

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE VARIOUS

BOARDS OF TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF MENDON

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

FOR THE

Municipal Year Ending December 31, 1931

265TH ANNUAL REPORT

MILFORD, MASS.

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1932.



TOWN OFFICERS.

SELECTMEN.

Term Expires

(Selectmen serve as Board of Public Welfare,
Board of Health and Fence Viewers).

William A. Barry, Chairman of Selectmen	March, 1934
Roy A. Barrows, Chairman Board of Public Welfare	March, 1932
George C. Cadman, Chairman and Clerk of Bureau of Old Age Assistance	March, 1933

TOWN CLERK.

Albert S. Coleman	March, 1932
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TOWN TREASURER.

Moses U. Gaskill	March, 1932
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TAX COLLECTOR.

Edward E. Chapman, Died July 24, 1931.	
Elizabeth C. Chapman, elected August 22, 1931, to fill vacancy	March, 1932

ASSESSORS.

Herbert S. Wood, Chairman	March, 1933
Henry W. Gaskill	March, 1934
George C. Cadman, Clerk	March, 1932

AUDITOR.

Ralph W. Coffin	March, 1932
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Term Expires

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Lester P. Mann, Chairman	March, 1934
Ina M. Irons, Clerk	March, 1933
J. Frank Leonard	March, 1932

TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Carroll H. Drown, Superintendent of Schools, Chairman	
Edward F. Blood	March, 1933
Lena W. George	March, 1932
Lester P. Mann, Chairman of School Committee,	
William A. Barry, Chairman of Selectmen	

BOARD OF REGISTRARS.

Roy A Barrows, Chairman	March, 1932
Albert S. Coleman, Clerk	March, 1932
William A. Barry	March, 1934
George C. Cadman	March, 1933

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Peter O. Gaskill, Chairman	May, 1932
Freeman C. Lowell, Clerk	May, 1933
W. Arthur Robinson	May, 1934

CONSTABLE.

Arthur E. Brown, Chief of Police	March, 1932
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PARK COMMISSIONERS.

Norry J. Daige, Chairman	March, 1934
Luther W. Holbrook	March, 1933
Lewis L. Marlow	March, 1932

Term Expires

TREE WARDEN.

Herbert S. Wood March, 1932

APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN.

Town Solicitor, Alfred B. Cenedella.

Dog Officer, Harold C. Barrows.

Sealer of Weights and Measures, Walter Taylor.

Superintendent of Streets, Aldo A. Sabatinelli.

Moth Superintendent, Alanson Freeman.

Forest Warden, Harold F. Lowell.

FIRE ENGINEERS.

Harold F. Lowell, Chief.

Raymond L. Daley,

Roy A. Barrows.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

DOGS LICENSED IN 1931.

143 Males and spayed females at \$2.00		
each	\$286 00	
23 Females at \$5.00 each	115 00	
	<hr/>	\$401 00
Less Clerk's Fees		33 20
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Cash paid County Treasurer		\$367 80

SPORTING LICENSES ISSUED FROM JANUARY 1, 1931 TO DECEMBER 31, 1931.

Resident Citizen's Sporting	68	\$2 75	\$187 00
Resident Citizen's Trapping	1	5 25	5 25
Minor Trapping	1	1 25	1 25
Duplicate License	1	50	50
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			\$194 00
Fees retained by Clerk			17 50
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Amount paid Division of Fish- eries and Game			\$176 50

1 License issued free of charge to resident 70 years of age.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN 1931.

Date of Birth 1931		Name of Child	Parents with Maiden Name of Mother
Jan.	15	Alice Lorraine Hartshorn	Frederick A. and Lolerli Belcher
Feb.	6	Ethel Julia Rogers	Raymond W. and Gladys Ethel Thayer
March	4	Doris Amelia Bonati	Primo and Florence Marengi
April	1	Ronald Trask Lowell	Donald B. and Helen L. Trask
April	3	Lajoie	Felix and Albina Robitaille
April	4	Victor Tetreault	Louis and Maria Benoit
April	9	William M. Wagner, Jr.	William M. and Mabel E. Spaulding
April	27	Anthony Ulberico	
		Magliocca	Antonio and Laura Fiori
April	27	Gertrude Oppewai	Teake and Jennie DeJong
May	2	Richard Freeman Gilges	Clarence W. and Mildred R. Shippee
May	16	Marilyn Beal	Walter F. and Geneva Wilber Hodges
May	18	Janet Cecelia Bouchard	Henry W. and Delina R. Jacques
June	15	Ralph Francis Geer	Ralph and Dorothy Flooks
July	1	Loma Fern Wagner	Carl F. and Fern Fessenden
August	4	Donald Gunvald Halsing	Gunvald and Hildur C. Nyholm
Sept.	16	Sally Mayo	Walter B. and Ada W. Towse
Oct.	14	Frank W. Richardson	Frank W. and Ethel May Thurber
Nov.	1	Marjorie Louise Bowen	William R. and Mary E. Care
Dec.	5	Francis Arthur Irons	William and Helen Fiske

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN 1931.

Date of Marriage 1931		Names	Residences
Jan.	8	Antonio Fiori	Mendon
		Santina Icovelle	Milford, Mass.
April	4	George Martin Mason	Franklin, Mass.
		Caroline Blackwood	Mendon
April	4	Isaac Gill	Mendon
		Alice (Nivison) Nowell	Mendon
April	6	Aram Arthur Lamothe	Mendon
		Blanche Cora Counter	Harrisville, R. I.
June	10	William Guilford Manter	Tisbury, Mass.
		Martha Jane Magee	Boston, Mass.
June	27	Harold J. Parkinson	Mendon
		Frances Mildred Lilley	Milford, Mass.
June	27	Jesse Alderman Taft	Mendon
		Esther Louise Goldthwaite	Uxbridge, Mass.
Sept.	12	D. Kinsley Barnes	Mendon
		Viola M. Nelson	Milford, Mass.
Sept.	19	Charles J. Vesperi	Milford, Mass.
		Celia V. Pettinelli	Mendon
Oct.	18	Roy E. Adams	Bellingham, Mass.
		Elmira S. York	Mendon
Oct.	30	Lewis W. Holbrook	Mendon
		Ethel M. (Larking) Hook	Mendon
Nov.	26	Herbert A. Daige	Mendon
		Helen Oates	Mendon

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The undersigned, Treasurer of the Town of Mendon, for the financial year ending December 31, 1931, submits an account of his doings.

The Treasurer debits himself with receiving the following sums:—

To cash received, Jan. 1, 1931, unexpended balance	\$4,158 25
To cash received, Milford Savings Bank, Notes	20,000 00
To cash received, Home National Bank, Interest on Deposits	81 34
To cash received, Harold C. Barrows, Sealer of Weights and Measures	13 29
To cash received, Town of Uxbridge, Welfare Department	345 65
To cash received, City of Boston, School Department	213 91
To cash received, County Treasurer, Division of Highways	487 11
To cash received, State Treasurer, Division of Highways	487 12
To cash received, State Treasurer, Income from School Fund, Part II	1,484 53
To cash received, Albert Alves, Town Junk	5 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Division of Highways	367 32
To cash received, County Treasurer, Division of Highways	367 32

To cash received, Dominic DiPietro, Use of Tractor	67 50
To cash received, State Treasurer, Temporary Aid	714 70
To cash received, Town of Milford, Welfare Department	485 75
To cash received, Johnson Bus Lines, Inc., License	20 00
To cash received, Georgiana Rogers, Licenses	4 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Independent Education	7 40
To cash received, Albert W. Sears, Rent of Town Hall	257 50
To cash received, H. M. Burr, License	2 00
To cash received, Salim Kassab, Licenses	4 00
To cash received, Arthur C. Sibley, License	2 00
To cash received, Olive F. Mathew- son, Licenses	4 00
To cash received, John J. Curley, Licenses	4 00
To cash received, Helen Gilmore, Licenses	4 00
To cash received, Cora E. Green, License	2 00
To cash received, Joseph Plechinger, License	2 00
To cash received, Nipmuck Park Co., License	50 00
To cash received, Louis Leoncini, License	2 00
To cash received, Anna G. Merrill, Licenses	4 00

To cash received, City of Waltham, Welfare Department	217 33
To cash received, M. F. & U. Coach Co., License	3 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Division of Animal Industry	38 00
To cash received, George Thomas, Licenses	4 00
To cash received, F. C. Lowell, License	10 00
To cash received, P. A. Millis, Licenses	4 00
To cash received, Director of Standards	6 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Division of Highways, Chapter 81	3,600 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Division of Highways, Chapter 90	1,581 43
To cash received, County Treasurer, Division of Highways, Chapter 90	1,581 42
To cash received, State Treasurer, Division of Highways, Chapter 90, M	1,000 00
To cash received, County Treasurer, Division of Highways, Chapter 90, M	1,000 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Tuition of Children	558 92
To cash received, State Treasurer, for School Superintendent	386 66
To cash received, State Treasurer, Income Tax, 1931	4,887 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, Business	520 75
To cash received, State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, Railroads, Tel. & Tel.	153 37
To cash received, State Treasurer, National Bank Tax	92 52

To cash received, State Treasurer, High School Tuition	666 67
To cash received, State Treasurer, State Aid	95 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Veterans' Exemption	44 70
To cash received, State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, P. S.	1 63
To cash received, Joseph W. McEwen, Permits	2 00
To cash received, George Thomas, Permit	1 00
To cash received, Millard Pagani, Permit	1 00
To cash received, State Treasurer, Gas and Electric Light Tax	377 81
To cash received, State Treasurer, Corporation Tax, Business	13 29
To cash received, E. L. Sabatinelli, Use of Tractor	22 50
To cash received, Forest Fire Depart- ment	7 00
To cash received, Sealer of Weights and Measures	8 60
To cash received, Town of North- bridge, Welfare Department	130 00
To cash received, Verena R. Daley, Library Fines	19 29
To cash received, W. A. Barry, $\frac{1}{2}$ Fees from Hay Scales	8 10
To cash received, E. E. Chapman, Collector, Motor Excise Tax, 1930	70 29
To cash received, E. E. Chapman, Motor Excise Tax, 1931	1,656 05
To cash received, E. E. Chapman, Property Taxes, 1930	2,978 70
To cash received, E. E. Chapman, Poll Taxes, 1931	724 00

To cash received, E. E. Chapman, Old Age Pension Tax	287 00
To cash received, Mrs. E. C. Chapman, Motor Excise Tax, 1931	193 05
To cash received, Mrs. E. C. Chapman, Property Taxes, 1930	134 68
To cash received, Mrs. E. C. Chapman, Poll Taxes, 1931	8 00
To cash received, Mrs. E. C. Chapman, Old Age Pension Tax	85 00
To cash received, Mrs. E. C. Chapman, Property Taxes, 1931	31,192 43
To cash received, E. E. Chapman, Poll Tax, 1930	2 00
To cash received, E. E. Chapman, Motor Excise Tax, 1929	2 97
To cash received, State Treasurer, Chapter 122, Acts of 1931	900 00
To cash received, Mary Georgialis, Licenses	4 00
Total receipts	<hr/> \$84,928 85

The Treasurer credits himself with paying the following amounts:—

By cash paid, Land Damage	\$270 00
To cash paid, Agnes Hall Case	1,000 00
By cash paid, Director of Accounts ...	8 00
By cash paid, Old Age Pension Tax.....	380 00
By cash paid, Milford Savings Bank, Notes	20,000 00
By cash paid, Milford Savings Bank, Interest	433 13
By cash paid, State Tax	1,425 00
By cash paid, County Tax	2,280 00
By cash paid, State Treasurer, State Parks and Reservations	22 51

By cash paid, Snow Removal	1,705 56
By cash paid, Moth Scout	298 65
By cash paid, Hartford Avenue Bridge, 1930 Contract	1,118 19
By cash paid, North Avenue, Chapter 90, 1930 Contract	716 00
By cash paid, Officers' Bonds	100 00
By cash paid, Fire Department	762 86
By cash paid, Police Department	237 90
By cash paid, Officers' Salaries	1,796 18
By cash paid, State Aid	40 00
By cash paid, Old Cemetery	55 50
By cash paid, Town of Uxbridge, 1930 Account	46 88
By cash paid, City of Worcester, 1930 Account	18 40
By cash paid, Dr. K. A. Campbell, 1930 Account	50 00
By cash paid, County Treasurer, Tuberculosis Fund	194 87
By cash paid, Motor Tax Refund	40 51
By cash paid, Health Department	185 70
By cash paid, Street Lights	4,010 50
By cash paid, Highways, Chapter 81	7,199 99
By cash paid, Highways, General Repairs	1,999 95
By cash paid, Highways, Chapter 90, Maintenance	2,499 95
By cash paid, Highways, Chapter 90, Millville Street	4,063 76
By cash paid, Library	600 00
By cash paid, Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	20 00
By cash paid, School Site, East Mendon	300 00
By cash paid, Brush Cutting	549 89
By cash paid, Chairs for Town Hall.....	350 00

By cash paid, Memorial Day	121 26	
By cash paid, Forest Fire Department	326 78	
By cash paid, Sheathing Town Hall, Equipment Room	124 00	
By cash paid, Tree Warden Depart- ment	246 00	
By cash paid, Soldiers' Relief	100 00	
By cash paid, Public Welfare	5,933 87	
By cash paid, Incidentals	1,995 92	
By cash paid, Overpayment	6 00	
By cash paid, School Department	16,897 38	
Total Payments		\$80,531 09
Cash Balance		4,397 76
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		\$84,928 85

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

DR.

To cash deposited in Milford Savings Bank	\$455 30	
To cash deposited in Home National Bank	531 89	
To cash deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings	521 84	
To cash received, Interest, Milford Savings Bank	16 23	
To cash received, Interest, Home National Bank	22 81	
To cash received, Worcester County Institution for Savings, Interest....	22 38	
To cash received, a refund	150 00	
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		\$1,720 45

CR.

By cash paid, Town Orders	\$212 50	
By cash deposited in Milford Savings Bank	409 03	
By cash deposited in Home National Bank	554 70	
By cash deposited in Worcester County Institution for Savings	544 22	
	<hr/>	\$1,720 45

FLETCHER FUND.

DR.

To cash deposited in Milford Savings Bank	\$5,233 62	
To cash received, Milford Savings Bank, Interest	248 28	
	<hr/>	\$5,481 90

CR.

By cash paid, Library Orders	\$281 34	
By cash deposited in Milford Savings Bank	5,200 56	
	<hr/>	\$5,481 90

EMERGENCY FUND.

DR.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Transferred from Assessors' Over- lay (1929)	307 05	
	<hr/>	\$1,307 05

CR.

Transferred to General Repairs	\$500 00	
Transferred to Tree Warden Department	100 00	
Transferred to Soldiers' Relief	100 00	
Transferred to Brush Cutting	300 00	
Transferred to School Department.....	307 05	
	<hr/>	\$1,307 05
Assessors' Overlay, 1931	\$765 49	
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Property Tax Abatements	\$168 75	
Poll Tax Abatements	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$170 75
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		\$594 74

Respectfully submitted,

MOSES U. GASKILL,

Treasurer.

Mendon, January 1, 1932.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

The Selectmen of Mendon submit the following report
for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1931.

INCIDENTALS.

Appropriation \$2,000 00

Expended:

MISCELLANEOUS.

Milford Daily News, advertising	\$63 70
Hobbs & Warren, printed forms and supplies	25 95
Farrington Printing Co., Assessors' supplies	4 00
Milford Column Co., bounds for school lot	9 32
Blanchard Bros. Granite Co., one-third cost resetting bound stone, Mendon, Blackstone and Millville	16 67
Worcester County Abstract Co., Assessors' abstracts	20 49
Cahill's News Agency, files and station- ery	99 48
H. J. George, insurance	272 32
Herbert C. Forbes, printing	31 97
Charlescraft Press, printing town reports	206 00
Charlescraft Press, printing and sup- plies	9 44

A. W. Brownell Corp., Assessors' supplies	2 66
G. M. Billings, printing and supplies	96 25
P. B. Murphy, dog license book	2 50
Avery & Woodbury Co., shade roller....	25
Harold C. Barrows, killing six dogs	12 00
Worcester Suburban Electric Co., lighting town buildings	72 99
N. E. Telephone & Telegraph Co., toll calls	12 00
M. Morton Goodnow Co., town well pump	12 60
Henry W. Gaskill, surveying school lot	15 00
C. L. Woodman, surveying school lot	17 50
Carter's Ink Co., ink	84
Albert B. White, one copy "Massachusetts Police Procedure"	5 00
Emily L. Coleman, typing and services as notary public	3 00
Elizabeth C. Chapman, stamps	14 50
Edward E. Chapman, stamps	16 00
Herbert S. Wood, use of car for Assessors	15 00
Albert S. Coleman, swearing town officers	5 50
Albert S. Coleman, transportation and supplies	6 20
Moses U. Gaskill, use of automobile	35 00
Moses U. Gaskill, inspection of animals	151 00
Moses U. Gaskill, making schedule A for Director of Accounts	12 00
Moses U. Gaskill, stamps	27 31
Margaret F. Bullard, extra land damage award on account of error in State survey	72 25
Leander S. Aldrich, surveying town line	3 50

Joseph F. Edwards, returning 3 deaths	75	
C. W. Bouck, returning 6 deaths	1	50
William A. Barry, toll calls	1	60
George C. Cadman, stamps and supplies	16	35
George C. Cadman, use of automobile	47	00
George C. Cadman, expenses of Assessors at meeting of Worcester County Assessors' Association	10	00
Roy A. Barrows, refund on salary.....	1	00
Roy A. Barrows, express and toll calls	1	11
Roy A. Barrows, use of automobile	15	00
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		\$1,464 50

BALLOT CLERKS AND TELLERS.

Wilfred Taylor	\$5	00
Lewis L. Marlow	3	00
Carl M. Taft	8	00
Leonard G. Burr	8	00
Leander J. Boover	3	00
D. K. Barnes	5	00
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		\$32 00

TOWN HALL.

Albert W. Sears, janitor	\$150	00
Parkinson Bros., stock and labor on pump	6	20
Mendon Branch Alliance, two tables	15	00
Carl M. Taft, trucking chairs	2	00
Maurice S. Carlson, molding for stage	3	60
Carl M. Taft, wood	11	00
B. Vitalini, 6 tons coal	95	00
Clark & Shaughnessy, 4 tons coal.....	63	50
Worcester Suburban Electric Co., bulbs	1	89
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		\$348 19

RECORD ROOM.

C. C. Shattuck, kerosene	\$ 18	
Lester C. Hill, electrical work	3 50	
Carl M. Taft, wood	6 00	
B. Vitalini, coal	32 00	
Clark & Shaughnessy, coal	16 00	
Maurice Carlson, building closet	32 85	
Maurice Carlson, stock and labor	15 70	
	<hr/>	\$106 23

PARKS.

Parkinson Bros., loam	\$7 50	
Roy A. Barrows, fertilizer	2 00	
Luther W. Holbrook, labor	1 00	
Norry Daige, labor	13 00	
Duncan Pond, labor	16 50	
Henry Bouchard, labor	3 00	
Carl M. Taft, loam	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$45 00
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		\$1,995 92

SUMMARY.

Appropriation		\$2,000 00
Expended	\$1,995 92	
Unexpended	4 08	
	<hr/>	\$2,000 00

SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation		\$1,800 00
Paid:		
Herbert S. Wood (Tree Warden)	\$12 00	
Frank H. Wood (Moderator)	5 00	
Alanson Freeman (Moth Supt.)	10 00	

Ralph W. Coffin (Auditor)	25 00	
Lewis L. Marlow (Janitor Record Room)	25 00	
Alfred B. Cenedella (Town Counsel)	129 00	
Moses U. Gaskill (Treasurer)	150 00	
Geo. C. Cadman (Assessor)	300 00	
Geo. C. Cadman (Selectman)	75 00	
Geo. C. Cadman (Overseer Public Welfare)	6 00	
Wm. A. Barry (Chairman, Selectman)	100 00	
Wm. A. Barry (Overseer Public Welfare)	6 00	
Roy A. Barrows (Selectman)	75 00	
Roy A. Barrows (Chairman, Board Public Welfare)	45 00	
Herbert S. Wood (Assessor)	150 00	
Henry W. Gaskill (Assessor)	150 00	
Arthur E. Brown (Constable)	25 00	
Harold C. Barrows (Dog Officer)	10 00	
Walter Taylor (Sealer of Weights and Measures)	50 00	
Albert S. Coleman (Town Clerk)	75 00	
Edward E. Chapman (Tax Collector)	51 15	
Elizabeth C. Chapman (Tax Collector)	316 07	
Estate of Edward E. Chapman (Tax Collector)	5 96	
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	\$1,796 18	
Unexpended	\$3 82	
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		\$1,800 00

CHAPTER 90 REPAIRS ON NORTH AVENUE.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT No. 3072.

Dominic G. Di Pietro, Contractor.

1930.

Town appropriation	\$1,000 00	
State allotment	2,200 00	
County allotment	2,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,400 00

1930.

CASH AVAILABLE.

Town appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Received from State	1,267 33	
Received from County	1,267 33	
	<hr/>	\$3,534 66

EXPENDED.

Advertising	\$26 55	
Dominic Di Pietro on contract	3,421 06	
	<hr/>	\$3,447 61
Cash balance, Jan. 1, 1931	87 05	
	<hr/>	\$3,534 66

1931.

CASH AVAILABLE.

Balance Jan. 1, 1931	\$87 05	
Received from State	367 32	
Received from County	367 32	
	<hr/>	\$821 69

EXPENDED.

Dominic G. Di Pietro, balance on contract	\$564 78	
Labor	85 00	

H. M. Curtiss Coal Co., drain pipe	66 22	
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	\$716 00	
Cash balance, Jan. 1, 1932	105 69	
	<hr/>	\$821 69

SUMMARY.

Total cost of work		\$4,163 61
Amount paid by State	\$1,634 65	
Amount paid by County	1,634 65	
Amount paid by Town	894 31	
	<hr/>	\$4,163 61
Town appropriation		\$1,000 00
Amount paid by Town	\$894 31	
Town's unexpended balance, Jan. 1,		
1932	105 69	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00

CHAPTER 90 REPAIRS ON MILLVILLE ROAD.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT NO. 3381.

E. L. Sabatinelli & Sons, Contractors.

1931.

Town appropriation	\$1,100 00	
State allotment	2,200 00	
County allotment	2,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,500 00

1931.

CASH AVAILABLE.

Town appropriation	\$1,100 00	
Received from State	1,581 43	
Received from County	1,581 42	
	<hr/>	\$4,262 85

EXPENDED.

Advertising	\$28 30	
E. L. Sabatinelli & Sons, on contract	3,953 56	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co., posts	81 90	
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	\$4,063 76	
Cash balance Jan. 2, 1932	199 09	
	<hr/>	\$4,262 85
Balance of cost of contract held to protect bond.		

CHAPTER 90 REPAIRS ON HARTFORD AVENUE, EAST.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AGREEMENT NO. 2996.

G. Bonazolli & Sons, Contractors.

1930.

Town appropriation	\$1,000 00	
State allotment	2,500 00	
County allotment	2,500 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,000 00

1930.

CASH AVAILABLE.

Town appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Received from State	1,800 95	
Received from County	1,800 95	
	<hr/>	\$4,601 90

EXPENDED.

Advertising	\$13 45	
G. Bonazolli & Sons, on contract	4,322 33	
Commonwealth of Massachusetts, guard rail posts	22 50	
J. N. Muldoon, cartage on guard rail posts	7 38	

Massachusetts State Prison, town line signs	7 50	
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	\$4,373 16	
Cash balance Jan. 1, 1931	228 74	
	<hr/>	\$4,601 90

1931.

CASH AVAILABLE.

Balance Jan. 1, 1931	\$228 74	
Received from State	487 12	
Received from County	487 11	
	<hr/>	\$1,202 97

EXPENDED.

Trimount Oil Co., Bonazolli claim	\$975 09	
G. Bonazolli & Sons, balance on contract	143 10	
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	\$1,118 19	
Cash balance Jan. 1, 1932	84 78	
	<hr/>	\$1,202 97

SUMMARY.

Total cost of work		\$5,491 35
Amount paid by State	\$2,288 07	
Amount paid by County	2,288 06	
Amount paid by Town	915 22	
	<hr/>	\$5,491 35
 Town appropriation		 \$1,000 00
Amount paid by Town	\$915 22	
Towns unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1932	84 78	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00

LAND DAMAGES ON BATES STREET.

Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1931	\$280 00
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CLAIMS PAID.

Margaret F. Bullard	\$95 00
Maud I. Ripley	175 00
Unexpended balance of appropriation	10 00
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	\$280 00

AGNES HALL CLAIM.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Paid Agnes Hall	1,000 00

SHEATHING TOWN HALL EQUIPMENT ROOM.

Appropriation	\$150 00
Paid E. L. Sabatinelli & Son	\$124 00
Unexpended	26 00
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	\$150 00

LAND FOR EAST MENDON SCHOOL.

Appropriation	\$300 00
Paid Eustachio Pettinelli	300 00

TOWN HALL CHAIRS.

Appropriation	\$350 00
Paid Readsboro Chair Co.	350 00

STATE AID TO SOLDIERS.

Appropriation	\$150 00
Paid	\$40 00
Unexpended	110 00
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	\$150 00

OLD CEMETERY.

Appropriation		\$75 00
Paid Isiah Bartlett, labor	\$52 50	
Luthur W. Holbrook, labor	3 00	
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	\$55 50	
Unexpended	19 50	
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		\$75 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

Appropriation		\$150 00
Paid:		
Ben C. Lancisi, Jr. (Band)	\$75 00	
M., F. & U. Coach Co. (Special Bus)	14 00	
Albert S. Coleman (Express on guns)	53	
C. C. Shattuck (supplies)	21 73	
The Commonwealth of Mass. (rifles and accessories)	5 00	
J. Frank Leonard (wreath)	5 00	
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	\$121 26	
Unexpended	28 74	
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		\$150 00

BONDS OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Appropriation		\$100 00
Paid H. J. George	\$100 00	

MOTH SCOUT.

Appropriation	\$300 00
Paid:	

LABOR.

Alanson Freeman	\$74 50
C. H. Moores	78 50

Ernest E. Muller	70 50	
D. J. Pond	74 50	298 00

SUPPLIES.

Fitzhenry-Guptill Co.	65	65
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		\$298 65

SUMMARY.

Appropriation		\$300 00
Expended	\$298 65	
Unexpended	1 35	
	<hr/>	\$300 00

WORCESTER COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL.

Appropriation		\$194 87
Paid Ralph R. Kendall, County Treasurer	\$194 87	

STREET LIGHTS.

Appropriation		\$4,500 00
Paid:		
Worcester Suburban Electric Co.	\$4,010 50	
Unexpended	489 50	
	<hr/>	\$4,500 00

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX REFUNDS.

Refunds of 1930 taxes		\$8 03
Refunds of 1931 taxes		32 48
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		\$40 51

SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

Appropriation	\$50 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$150 00
Paid for support of one family	\$100 00	
Unexpended	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$150 00

AUSTIN WOOD RELIEF FUND.

Paid	\$212 50
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CARE OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES.

Appropriation	\$20 00
Paid Swandale Cemetery Association....	20 00

SUMMARY.

Department	Resources	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrawn
General Repairs (Highway)	\$1,500.00			
Appropriated	500.00			
Transferred from Reserve Fund	\$2,000.00	\$1,999.95	.05	
Chapter 90 (Maintenance)				
Appropriation	\$500.00			
Received from County	1,000.00			
Received from State	1,000.00			
	\$2,500.00	2,499.95	.05	
Chapter 81				
Appropriation	\$3,600.00			
Received from State	3,600.00			
	\$7,200.00	7,199.99	.01	
Chapter 90, No. Ave. (New Construction)				
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1931	\$87.05			
Received from State	367.32			
Received from County	367.32			
	\$821.69	716.00	105.69	
Chapter 90, Millville St. (New Construction)				
Appropriation	\$1,100.00			
Received from State	1,581.43			
Received from County	1,581.42			
	\$4,262.85	4,063.76	199.09	

SUMMARY—Continued.

Department	Resources	Expended	Unexpended	Overdrawn
Chapter 90, Hartford Ave., East (New Construction)				
Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1931	\$228.74			
Received from State	487.12			
Received from County	487.11			
	\$1,202.97	1,118.19	84.78	
Brush Removal				
Appropriation	\$250.00			
Transferred from Reserve Fund	300.00			
		\$550.00	.11	
Worcester County Tuberculosis Hospital		194.87		
Memorial Day		121.26	28.74	
Land Damage, Bates Street		270.00	10.00	
Bonds for Town Officers		100.00		
Agnes Hall Claim		1,000.00		
Moth Scout		298.65	1.35	
Sheathing Town Hall, Equipment Room		124.00	26.00	
Land for East Mendon School		300.00		
Town Hall Chairs		350.00		
State Aid to Soldiers		40.00	110.00	
Old Cemetery		55.50	19.50	
Care of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves		20.00		

Tree Warden					
Appropriation	\$150.00				
Transferred from Reserve Fund	100.00				
Incidentals	<u>250.00</u>	\$250.00	246.00	4.00	
Snow Removal		2,000.00	1,995.92	4.08	
Library		2,000.00	1,705.56	294.44	
		600.00	600.00		
Interest		<u>4850.00</u>			
Appropriated	\$300.00				
Received from Interest on Deposit	81.34				
	<u>381.34</u>	\$381.34	433.13		\$51.79
Emergency Fund					
Appropriation	\$1,000.00				
Transferred from 1929 Overlay Account	307.05				
	<u>1,307.05</u>	\$1,307.05	1,307.05		
Street Lights		4,500.00	4,010.50	489.50	
Board of Health		300.00	185.70	114.30	
Fire Department		800.00	762.86	37.14	
Forest Fire Department		400.00	326.78	73.22	
Department of Public Welfare		6,000.00	5,933.87	66.13	
Police Department		300.00	237.90	62.10	
Schools		16,907.05	16,897.38	9.67	
Officers' Salaries		1,800.00	1,796.18	3.82	
Soldiers' Relief		150.00	100.00	50.00	
Totals		\$59,302.82	\$57,560.84	\$1,793.77	\$51.79

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

The Selectmen report the Assets and Liabilities of the Town as far as known as follows:

ASSETS.

Due from Board of Public Welfare Cases.	
Town of Milford (support of 1 person)	\$30 00
Town of Milford (support of 1 family)	401 50
Town of Uxbridge (support of 1 family)	137 45
Town of Northbridge (support of 1 family)	29 30
City of Boston (support of 1 family)	762 99
Due from State Department of Public Welfare	1,762 39
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	\$3,123 63
Due from Uncollected Taxes.	
1930 Property Tax	\$25 12
1930 Motor Excise Tax	26 99
1931 Poll Tax	4 00
1931 Motor Excise Tax	46 32
1931 Old Age Assistance	10 00
1931 Property Tax	4,640 97
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	\$4,753 40
Due from State Aid to Pensioners	40 00
Due from State Department of Old Age Assistance	240 00
Cash in hands of Treasurer	4,397 76
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	\$12,554 79

LIABILITIES.

None as far as known to the Selectmen.

LIST OF JURORS.

Alfred Auty	Pattern Maker
Carl E. Gustafson	Mechanic
Charles F. Leonard	Florist
Patrick F. Quirk	Farmer
Arthur V. Pond	Farmer
Charles J. Phillips	Mechanic
Louis L. Marlow	Moulder
George M. Aldrich	Carpenter
D. Kinsley Barnes	Carpenter
Norry J. Daige	Shuttle Maker
Arthur P. Dalton	Mechanic
Warren M. Hazen	Mechanic
Peter O. Gaskill	Musician
John J. Driscoll	Tool Maker
Silas H. Dudley	Collector

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. BARRY,

ROY A. BARROWS,

GEORGE C. CADMAN,

Selectmen.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS.

CHAPTER 81.

Town appropriation	\$3,600 00	
State allotment	3,600 00	
Total amount available		\$7,200 00

EXPENDITURES.

LABOR.

Aldo A. Sabatinelli, Superintendent	\$551 24
Felix Lajoie	295 50
Ernest Miller	170 00
Arthur Johnson	1 25
Walter Johnson	1 25
Ernest Barrows	226 75
Albert Hackenson	233 00
Duncan Pond	4 00
Albert Alves	64 00
Herbert Alger	88 00
Alanson Freeman	66 00
Louis Anthony	1 25
Ray Thomas	107 00
E. L. Kempton	18 00
E. F. Kempton	28 00
William Munsell	165 00
Claire Thurber	179 00
George Romprey	3 25
Joseph Lazzeri	8 00
Frank Hoyle	6 00
Walter Mayo	22 00
Frederick Hartshorn	183 00

Emil Anderson	24 00	
John Zylinski	109 25	
	<hr/>	\$2,554 74

TRUCK HIRE.

Carl Taft	\$108 00	
A. A. Sabatinelli	379 50	
	<hr/>	\$487 50

AIR COMPRESSOR.

E. L. Sabatinelli	\$80 00	
	<hr/>	\$80 00

TRACTOR.

Uxbridge Auto Co.	\$380 00	
	<hr/>	\$380 00

CARTAGE OF GRAVEL.

Louis Bracci	\$162 50	
Leo Desroches	160 50	
Edward Goss	472 00	
John Powers	150 00	
A. A. Sabatinelli	613 50	
E. L. Sabatinelli & Sons	169 50	
Carl Taft	578 50	
C. White	18 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,324 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Zoel Greenwood, gravel	\$276 30	
W. B. Chase, pipe	12 00	
City Truck Co., Inc., cartage	50	
Wm. P. Clarke, road signs	1 25	
Dyar Sales & Machinery Co., supplies	9 00	
F. A. Gould, hammer handles	2 70	
Koppers Products Co., road tar	117 36	
Felix Lajoie, paid for gasolene	2 80	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., culverts	25 00	
A. Rosenfeld, sand	281 00	

C. C. Shattuck, gasoline and oil	91 83	
The Texas Co., road oil	509 81	
Wm. A. Barry, stock and labor	43 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,373 25
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		\$7,199 99

SUMMARY.

Appropriation		\$7,200 00
Expended	\$7,199 99	
Unexpended	01	
	<hr/>	\$7,200 00

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE.

Town appropriation	\$500 00	
State allotment	1,000 00	
County allotment	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,500 00

EXPENDITURES.

LABOR.

Aldo A. Sabatinelli, Superintendent	\$294 87	
Felix Lajoie	99 00	
Raymond Thomas	94 00	
Alanson Freeman	88 25	
Frederick Hartshorn	103 50	
Ernest Barrows	115 63	
Albert Hackenson	36 00	
Duncan Pond	66 25	
Arthur Johnson	4 00	
William Munsell	134 50	
Francis Morrison	31 00	
Lawrence Munhall	75 00	
Willard Seibert	42 50	
George Romprey	65 75	
John Zylinski	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,262 25

TRUCK HIRE.

A. A. Sabatinelli	\$258 50	
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ROAD ROLLER HIRE.

G. Bonazolli & Sons	\$54 00	
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AIR COMPRESSOR.

E. L. Sabatinelli	\$56 00	
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CARTAGE OF GRAVEL.

A. A. Sabatinelli	\$126 00	
Carl M. Taft	134 00	
C. White	7 50	
	<hr/>	\$267 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

Wm. J. Seaver, cartage on cold patch....	\$3 00	
James L. Lilley, painting bridge signs	4 80	
F. S. Slavin & Son, labor on grader	5 25	
Maurice Carlson, road signs	4 15	
Mendon Hill Garage, supplies	9 00	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co., culverts	7 68	
F. A. Gould, supplies	4 20	
H. S. Chadbourne Co., shovels	3 00	
George Welch, battery	3 50	
Uxbridge Auto Co., grease	8 00	
Zoel Greenwood, gravel	43 50	
Butler Motor Corporation, supplies	36 85	
Koppers Products Co., road tar	330 80	
C. C. Shattuck, gasoline and oil	34 72	
A. Rosenfeld, sand	94 75	
Wm. A. Barry, stock and labor	8 50	
	<hr/>	\$601 70
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		\$2,499 95

SUMMARY.

Appropriation		\$2,500 00
Expended	\$2,499 95	
Unexpended	05	
	<hr/>	\$2,500 00

GENERAL REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS.

Appropriation	\$1,500 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

LABOR.

Aldo A. Sabatinelli	\$224 68	
Felix Lajoie	127 40	
Ernest Miller	9 60	
Raymond Thomas	18 00	
Albert Hackenson	57 40	
Ernest Barrows	75 20	
Lawrence Munhall	46 20	
John Zylinski	42 00	
Frederick Hartshorn	101 20	
Lewis Anthony	14 00	
Walter Johnson	14 00	
Clarence Moore	10 00	
Vernon Barrows	12 00	
P. Rosetti	8 00	
Duncan Pond	4 00	
George Romprey	18 40	
Claire Thurber	18 40	
William Munsell	11 20	
Harold Lawrence	3 20	
	<hr/>	\$814 88

MACHINERY.

Uxbridge Auto Co., tractor	\$47 50
Town of Uxbridge, road roller	20 00

A. A. Sabatinelli, truck	173 40	
A. A. Sabatinelli, compressor	14 00	
		<hr/> \$259 90

CARTAGE OF GRAVEL.

A. A. Sabatinelli	\$131 10	
C. White	15 25	
Edward Goss	41 60	
Carl M. Taft	166 95	
E. L. Sabatinelli & Sons	5 60	
		<hr/> \$360 50

MISCELLANEOUS.

H. S. Chadbourne Co., tools	\$4 91	
Corbett Concrete Pipe Co., pipe	107 49	
Wm. H. Casey Motors, tractor parts	10 45	
C. C. Shattuck, gasolene and oil	61 02	
Frederick A. Gould, scythes and spikes	14 05	
Uxbridge Auto Co., labor and parts for tractor	60 75	
Thomas' Service Station, spark plugs....	1 20	
F. M. Leland, loading gravel	18 00	
F. Louis Tetreault, gasolene and oil.....	3 86	
Registry of Motor Vehicles, tractor plates	2 00	
Zoel Greenwood, gravel	91 80	
Nipmuc Filling Station, gasolene	2 08	
Harry C. Newell, chestnut planks	60 30	
Standard Oil Co., tractor oil	33 53	
W. L. Corey Garage, labor and parts	17 15	
Wm. J. Seaver, cartage on cold patch	3 00	
Mendon Hill Garage, labor and parts....	10 25	
New England Metal Culvert Co., cul- verts	24 50	
Fisk, Alden Co., parts for tractor	19 23	
Koppers Products Co., cold patch	17 60	

Wm. A. Barry, stock and labor, tractor	6 50	
	<hr/>	\$569 68
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		\$1,999 95

SUMMARY.

Appropriation		\$2,000 00
Expended	\$1,999 95	
Unexpended	05	
	<hr/>	\$2,000 00

SNOW REMOVAL.

Appropriation, \$2,000 00

EXPENDITURES.

LABOR.

A. A. Sabatinelli, Superintendent	\$257 25	
W. Taylor	14 00	
Raymond Thomas	4 00	
Alanson Freeman	1 00	
Duncan Pond	12 00	
F. Hartshorn	4 00	
Ernest Barrows	37 50	
Felix Lajoie	118 00	
A. Hackenson	59 50	
R. Diano	12 50	
Ernest Miller	53 50	
Albert Alves	21 50	
R. McTurk	2 00	
C. Thurber	15 00	
E. Swec	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$615 75

TRUCK, TRACTOR AND TEAM HIRE.

John Powers	\$8 00
W. A. Robinson	20 50
Herbert S. Wood	11 00

A. Swec	8 00	
E. L. Sabatinelli	444 00	
A. A. Sabatinelli	138 00	
Edward Swec	6 00	
L. G. Farnum (tractor)	338 20	
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		\$973 70

MISCELLANEOUS.

Roy A. Barrows (money paid for tractor parts)	2 00	
C. C. Shattuck (supplies)	24 82	
J. A. Tyler (parts for tractor)	3 75	
Mendon Hill Garage (labor and parts for tractor)	23 50	
H. S. Chadbourne Co. (supplies)	5 80	
A. A. Sabatinelli, sand	6 00	
Wm. H. Casey Motors (supplies)	4 05	
Wm. A. Barry (stock and labor on plow)	10 00	
Standard Oil Co. of New York (tractor oil)	31 98	
M. M. Goodnow Co. (supplies)	4 21	
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		\$116 11
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		\$1,705 56

SUMMARY.

Appropriation		\$2,000 00
Expended	1,705 56	
Unexpended	294 44	
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		\$2,000 00

BRUSH REMOVAL.

Appropriation	\$250 00	
Transferred from Reserve Fund	300 00	
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		\$550 00

Expended:

LABOR.

A. Freeman	\$101 40	
George Romprey	67 20	
Frank Hoyle	44 80	
D. Pond	103 40	
Raymond Thomas	68 80	
A. Hackenson	40 80	
Harold S. Lawrence	36 40	
Lewis Holbrook	31 20	
Ernest Barrows	25 60	
Walter Mayo	9 60	
Claire Thurber	8 80	
	<hr/>	\$538 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Geo. C. Cadman (transportation)	\$5 00	
Elmer C. Rose (grinding tools)	85	
	<hr/>	\$5 85

SUPPLIES.

C. C. Shattuck	\$6 04	
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		\$549 89

SUMMARY.

Amount available		\$550 00
Expended	\$549 89	
Unexpended	11	
	<hr/>	\$550 00

Respectfully submitted,

A. A. SABATINELLI,

Superintendent.

ASSESSORS' REPORT.

The Assessors' Recapitulation Sheet and Table of Aggregates for 1931 are given below:

RECAPITULATION SHEET.

Town appropriations:

Annual Town Meeting	\$44,805 15	
Town Meeting held April 8, 1931	1,980 00	
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	\$46,785 15	
State Tax	1,425 00	
State Parks and Reservations Tax.....	22 51	
Special State Old Age Assistance Tax	380 00	
County Tax	2,280 00	
Overlay for 1931	765 49	
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Total	\$51,658 15	
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		\$51,658 15
Estimated receipts	\$11,807 15	
Free cash (used by vote of the town)	2,800 00	
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Total deductions	\$14,607 15	
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		\$14,607 15
Net amount to be raised on polls and property		\$37,051 00
380 Old Age Assistance Taxes @		
\$1.00 each	\$380 00	
367 Poll Taxes @ \$2.00 each	734 00	
Total valuation \$1,331,000.00. Rate \$27.		
Property tax	35,937 00	
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Total	\$37,051 00	
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		\$37,051 00

TABLE OF AGGREGATES.

Number of assessments on prop- erty		496
Number of male polls assessed		367
Value of assessed stock in trade	\$7,100 00	
Value of assessed live stock	46,620 00	
Value of assessed machinery	87,000 00	
Value of all other assessed personal property	6,290 00	
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Value of assessed personal property	147,010 00	
	<hr/>	\$147,010 00
Value of assessed buildings, exclud- ing land	854,980 00	
Value of assessed land excluding buildings	329,010 00	
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Value of assessed real estate	\$1,183,990 00	
	<hr/>	1,183,990 00
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Total valuation of assessed property		\$1,331,000 00
Tax on personal property	\$3,969 27	
Tax on real estate	31,967 73	
Tax on polls	734 00	
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Total poll and property taxes	36,671 00	
	<hr/>	\$36,671 00
Rate of tax per \$1000		\$27 00
Number of horses assessed		90
Number of cows assessed		504
Number of sheep assessed		none
Number of neat cattle other than cows assessed		96
Number of swine assessed		3

Number of dwelling houses assessed	401
Number of acres of land assessed	10,830
Number of fowl assessed	3,490

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES COMMITTED

IN 1931.

Motor Vehicles registered in 1930	\$19 40	
Motor Vehicles registered in 1931	1,905 56	
	<hr/>	\$1,924 96
Late Assessments—Not Included Above.		
Poll Taxes	\$4 00	
Old Age Assistance Taxes	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$6 00

OVERLAY ACCOUNT.

1930.

Overlay		\$403 80
Abatements	\$144 24	
Balance	259 56	
	<hr/>	\$403 80

1931.

Overlay		\$765 49
Abatements	\$170 75	
Balance	594 74	
	<hr/>	\$765 49

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. WOOD,
HENRY W. GASKILL,
GEORGE C. CADMAN,

Assessors.

January 1, 1932.

ABSTRACT OF STATE AUDIT REPORT.

An abstract of the report of an audit of the accounts of Edward E. Chapman, Tax Collector, for the period from January 1 to August 3, 1931, made by the State Division of Accounts:

1929.

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1931		\$24 70
Abatements Jan. 1 to Aug. 3, 1931	\$21 73	
Cash balance Aug. 3, 1931	2 97	
		\$24 70

1930.

POLL TAXES.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1931		\$2 00
Payments to Treasurer, Jan. 1, to Aug. 3, 1931		2 00

PROPERTY TAXES.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1931		\$3,094 65
Payments to Treasurer Jan. 1 to Aug. 3, 1931	\$2,892 10	
Outstanding Aug. 3, 1931	159 80	
Cash balance Aug. 3, 1931	42 75	
		\$3,094 65

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES.

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1931		\$55 79
Additional commitment	19 40	
Payment and abatement, refunded	8 03	
		\$83 22

Payments to Treasurer Jan. 1 to		
Aug. 3, 1931	\$48 18	
Abatements Jan. 1 to Aug. 3, 1931	8 03	
Outstanding Aug. 3, 1931	26 99	
Cash balance Aug. 3, 1931	02	
	<hr/>	\$83 22

1931.

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES.

Commitments per warrants	\$1,673 99	
Payment and abatement, refunded	18 15	
	<hr/>	\$1,692 14
Payments to Treasurer to Aug.		
3, 1931	\$1,655 95	
Abatements to Aug. 3, 1931	28 39	
Outstanding Aug. 3, 1931	7 80	
	<hr/>	\$1,692 14

1931.

POLL TAXES.

Commitment per warrant		\$734 00
Payments to Treasurer to Aug. 3, 1931	\$724 00	
Outstanding Aug. 3, 1931	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$734 00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE TAXES.

Commitment per warrant		\$380 00
Payments to Treasurer to Aug.		
3, 1931	\$287 00	
Outstanding Aug. 3, 1931	93 00	
	<hr/>	\$380 00

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

1930 PROPERTY TAX.

DR.

Taxes outstanding Aug. 3, 1931	\$159 80
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CR.

Cash paid Treasurer	\$134 68	
Uncollected taxes	25 12	
		\$159 80

1930 MOTOR EXCISE TAX.

DR.

Taxes outstanding Aug. 3, 1931.....	\$26 99
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CR.

Uncollected	\$26 99
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1931 POLL TAX.

DR.

Taxes outstanding Aug. 3, 1931	\$10 00	
Taxes committed	4 00	
		\$14 00

CR.

Cash paid Treasurer	\$8 00	
Abatements	2 00	
Uncollected taxes	4 00	
		\$14 00

1931 MOTOR EXCISE TAX.

DR.

Taxes outstanding Aug. 3, 1931	\$7 80	
Taxes committed	231 57	
	<hr/>	\$239 37

CR.

Cash paid Treasurer	\$193 05	
Uncollected taxes	46 32	
	<hr/>	\$239 37

1931 OLD AGE ASSISTANCE TAX.

DR.

Taxes outstanding Aug. 3, 1931	\$93 00	
Taxes committed	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$95 00

CR.

Cash paid Treasurer	\$85 00	
Uncollected	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$95 00

1931 PROPERTY TAX.

DR.

Taxes committed	\$35,937 00	
Interest	65 15	
	<hr/>	\$36,002 15

CR.

Cash paid Treasurer	\$31,192 43	
Abatements	168 75	
Uncollected	4,640 97	
	<hr/>	\$36,002 15

SUMMARY.

DR.

Total taxes committed to me	\$36,537 31
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CR.

Total taxes collected	\$31,613 16
Abatements	170 75
Uncollected taxes Dec. 31, 1931	4,753 40
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	\$36,537 31

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH C. CHAPMAN,

Tax Collector.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE.

The Board of Public Welfare submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1931.

Appropriation	\$6,000 00
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MENDON SETTLEMENT CASES.

Aid rendered one person in private family	\$19 00
Paid Town of Medway, aid to one family	229 99
Aid rendered one family in own home	344 67
Aid rendered one family in own home	189 00
Aid rendered one person in home and hospital	34 20
Aid rendered one person in private family	365 00
Aid rendered one person in private family	386 88
Paid Town of North Attleboro, aid to one person	409 19
Aid rendered one person in own home	182 00
Aid rendered one family in own home	52 88
Aid rendered one person in private family	29 00
Paid Town of Blackstone, aid to one family	28 00
Aid rendered one family in own home	45 00
Paid Town of Milford, aid to one family	112 25

Aid rendered one family in own home, (wife settled in Mendon; husband unsettled)	36 00	
Paid Town of Uxbridge, aid to one family	161 45	
Aid rendered one family in own home	54 94	
	<hr/>	\$2,679 45

MENDON SETTLEMENT OLD AGE ASSISTANCE CASES.

Aid rendered one person in own home	\$20 00	
Aid rendered one person in own home	30 00	
Aid rendered one person in private family	160 00	
	<hr/>	\$210 00

CASES HAVING SETTLEMENTS IN OTHER TOWNS.

Aid rendered one family in own home, (Town of Milford settlement)	\$730 34	
Aid rendered one family in own home, (Town of Uxbridge settlement)	410 83	
Aid rendered one family in own home, (City of Waltham settlement)	217 33	
Aid rendered one person in own home, (Town of Milford settlement)	30 00	
Aid rendered one family in own home, (wife settled in Northbridge; hus- band unsettled)	60 50	
Aid rendered one family in own home, (City of Boston settlement)	\$89 70	
	<hr/>	\$1,538 70

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE CASES
HAVING SETTLEMENTS IN OTHER TOWNS.

Aid rendered one person in private family, (Town of North Brookfield settlement)	\$30 00	
	<hr/>	\$30 00

CASES WITH NO SETTLEMENT.

Aid rendered one family in own home	\$241 24	
Aid rendered one family in own home	347 67	
Aid rendered one family in own home	79 17	
Aid rendered one family in own home	675 59	
Aid rendered one family in own home	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,358 67
Transportation and miscellaneous expenses	117 05	
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		\$5,933 87

SUMMARY.

Appropriation		\$6,000 00
Expended	\$5,933 87	
Unexpended	66 13	
	<hr/>	\$6,000 00

Respectfully submitted,

ROY A. BARROWS,
WILLIAM A. BARRY,
GEORGE C. CADMAN,

Board of Public Welfare.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FUND.

The committee in charge of the Christmas Cheer Fund make the following report:

Balance on hand from 1930 fund	\$5 79	
Received from Silas Dudley in behalf of Y. P. R. U.	78 30	
	<hr/>	\$84 09
Distributed 25 baskets	\$78 77	
Balance on hand	5 32	
	<hr/>	\$84 09

Respectfully submitted,

REV. ROY WINTERSTEEN,
REV. C. E. CHAMBERLAIN,
SILAS DUDLEY,
ROY A. BARROWS,
GEO. C. CADMAN,
WM. A. BARRY,

Committee.

BOARD OF HEALTH.

Appropriation		\$300 00
Expenditures:		
George G. Davenport for Meat In-		
spectator for 1928 and 1929	\$24 00	
Milford Hospital, making X-Ray record	4 00	
Dr. O. W. Beiersdorf, for services on		
Rabies case	6 00	
Dr. K. A. Campbell, cash paid for		
Rabies Vaccine	35 60	
Geo. C. Cadman, placarding and fumi-		
gating	6 50	
Geo. C. Cadman, use of auto	15 00	
Town of Milford, care of one Tubercu-		
lar patient	94 60	
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	\$185 70	
Unexpended	114 30	
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		\$300 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. C. CADMAN,
WM. A. BARRY,
ROY A. BARROWS,

Board of Health.

REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS.

Appropriation \$800 00

Pay Rolls:

No. 1.	Fred Kempton Fire	\$10 00
No. 2.	John Hogarth Fire	8 00
No. 3.	Walter Gaskill Fire	6 00
No. 4.	Ora Davenport Fire	8 00
No. 5.	Mayo Fire	8 00
No. 6.	Truck Fire, Bates Street	11 00
No. 7.	Henry Mathewson Fire	14 00
No. 8.	Steve Bourassa Fire	12 00
No. 9.	Auto Fire	
	(Grace Johnson)	12 00
No. 10.	Airplane Fire	12 00
No. 10½.	Truck Fire	3 50
No. 11.	Gaskill's Ice House	35 00
No. 12.	Thiebault Fire	14 00
No. 13.	Robinson and Ferrier	
	Fires	13 50
No. 14.	Bernard Hartshorn Fire	12 00
No. 15.	Butler Fire	4 00
No. 16.	Albeeville Auto Fire	4 00
		\$187 00

SALARIES.

Harold F. Lowell (Chief)	\$100 00	
Albert W. Sears (janitor)	40 00	
Joseph H. Dudley (blowing test alarms)	25 90	
Ernest E. Miller (blowing test alarms)	10 60	
	<hr/>	\$176 50

ELECTRIC POWER.

Power for fire whistle	\$72 00	
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FUEL.

Clark and Shaughnessy Coal Co.	\$48 00	
	<hr/>	\$48 00

SUPPLIES.

H. S. Chadbourne Co. (straps)	\$2 10	
Chester C. Shattuck (gas, oil and soda)	17 03	
Fyr-Fyter Co. (recharges)	6 40	
Henry K. Barnes (supplies)	4 99	
Harold F. Lowell (5 dry cell batteries)	1 70	
Niro & Niro Co. (miscellaneous supplies)	5 05	
	<hr/>	\$37 27

TRUCK EXPENSE.

Hannaford Auto Service Co. (1 battery)	\$7 96	
Harvey W. Legee (parts and labor)	3 25	
	<hr/>	\$11 21

NEW EQUIPMENT.

Henry K. Barnes Co. (500 feet new hose and strainer)	\$156 75	
Hope Rubber Co. (rubber coats and hats)	28 20	
Stewart Co., Inc. (parts for power pump)	40 58	
	<hr/>	\$225 53

PRINTING.

H. C. Forbes (fire cards)	\$5 35	
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		\$762 86

SUMMARY.

Appropriation		\$800 00
Expended	\$762 86	
Unexpended	37 14	
	<hr/>	\$800 00

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,
 RAYMOND L. DALEY,
 ROY A. BARROWS,

Engineers

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN.

Appropriation \$400 00

Pay Rolls:

No. 1.	Slades fire	\$10 50
No. 2.	Gill fire	9 50
No. 3.	Batesville fire	9 50
No. 4.	Patrolling	17 00
No. 4½.	Robert Taft meadow	4 50
No. 5.	Gill fire, No. 2	14 50
No. 6.	Perron fire	7 00
No. 7.	Blackstone Street fire	5 00
No. 8.	Bicknell Cemetery fire	8 00
No. 9.	George Street fire	6 00
No. 11.	Tetreault fire	6 50
No. 12.	Walluck fire	10 50
No. 13.	Burning brush on road side	34 30
No. 14.	Burning brush on road side	31 15
		\$173 95

SUPPLIES.

C. C. Shattuck (oil)	\$55 00	
D. B. Smith & Co. (straps)	1 48	
Niro & Niro Co. (3 wire BX)	1 80	
	<hr/>	\$3 83

NEW EQUIPMENT.

Joseph L. Kelly (rake and hoe cutters)	\$4 50	
Stewart Co., Inc. (suction hose)	13 50	
Niro & Niro Co. (shovels)	6 00	
Stewart Co., Inc. (special pump and power take-off)	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$124 00

SALARIES.

Harold F. Lowell (warden)	\$25 00	
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		\$326 78

SUMMARY.

Appropriation		\$400 00
Expended	\$326 78	
Unexpended	73 22	
	<hr/>	\$400 00

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. LOWELL,

Forest Warden.

REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN.

Appropriation	\$150 00	
Transferred from Emergency Fund	100 00	
	_____	\$250 00

LABOR.

Harold Parkinson	\$64 00	
Herbert Daige	64 00	
Geo. Romprey	6 00	
Herbert S. Wood (labor and use of truck)	98 00	
	_____	\$232 00
E. L. Sabatinelli (trucking and repairs and use of ladder)	\$14 00	
	_____	\$14 00
		\$246 00

SUMMARY.

Amount available		\$250 00
Expended	\$246 00	
Unexpended	4 00	
	_____	\$250 00

Respectfully submitted,

HERBERT S. WOOD,

Tree Warden.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$300 00
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Paid:

Harold C. Barrows, police and traffic duty		\$55 50
Harold C. Barrows, court fees and expenses		11 35
Arthur E. Brown, court fees and expenses		76 10
Arthur E. Brown, police and traffic duty		33 20
Arthur E. Brown, belts and badges		16 25
Albert W. Sears, police duty		5 00
Donald B. Lowell, police duty		5 00
Charles F. Leonard, police duty		5 00
George M. Barrows, police duty.....		11 00
Carl E. E. Gustafson, police and traffic duty		19 50
	\$237 90	
Unexpended	\$62 10	
		\$300 00

ARRESTS.

For selling mortgaged property	2
For driving under the influence of liquor	1
For larceny	2

For drunkenness	1	
For assault and battery	2	
For malicious mischief	1	
For non-support	1	
	<hr/>	10

SUMMONSES.

For cruelty to animals	1	
For violation of dog laws	4	
For infractions of automobile laws	9	
	<hr/>	14
Commitments to Westboro State Hospital		2
Airplane accidents investigated		2
Inquests attended		3

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR E. BROWN,

Chief.

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Platform scale over 5000 lbs. (free)	1	
Platform scale 100 to 5000 lbs. (free)	1	
Platform scale 100 to 5000 lbs.	1	50
Counter scale under 100 lbs.	1	10
Spring scales under 100 lbs.	4	40
Computing scales under 100 lbs	3	30
Liquid measures @ 3 cents each	10	30
Gasolene pumps @ 50 cents each	14	7 00
Total	35	\$8 60

I have inspected the following licenses:

Meat Peddlers	2
Fish Peddlers	2
Bread Peddlers	3
Fruit Peddlers	3
Transient Venders	2
Junk Scales	4
Ice Scales	4
Total	20

I have collected fees and turned over to the Treasurer of the Town of Mendon, the sum of \$8.60.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER TAYLOR,
Sealer of Weights and Measures.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

This is the fifty-first annual report of the trustees of the Taft Public Library. We are proud to report that the past year has been a most prosperous one for the library. Each year the facilities and advantages of the library are increasing. The gift of the Fletcher Fund, the income of which is to be used for the purchase of books, makes it possible for Mendon to have a rather better collection of books than most any other town of its size. As years go on this fund for purchasing books will make it possible to greatly enlarge the number of volumes in the library.

This library contains not only a great variety of best fiction much desired by the public in general, but also a large collection of encyclopedias, reference books, historical works, and other books of general information. The schools are finding these books very helpful for the work of the students. The library is provided with twenty of the best magazines. These magazines are much enjoyed by those who come to the library, especially the children, who also delight in the many children's books.

The library is fortunate in retaining its capable librarian. She, with her willing assistants, gives excellent service to the patrons of the library when they call for books.

The library has been open the same hours Tuesday afternoon and evening and Friday evening of each week as in the past two or three years. It has been very well patronized, as the librarian's report shows, and the high character of the books purchased is also revealed by her report.

Meetings of the trustees have been held each month of the year except July and August, also a few special meetings. The time of the regular meeting is 8 P. M., the second Tuesday of the month.

The old plaster of the ceiling in the lower room was removed and a new ceiling put in at a cost of \$128.64. This work was well done and greatly adds to the attractiveness of the room. Except for minor repairs on the steps this is the only repair work done on the building this past year.

The woodwork of the lower room is very much in need of varnish. Also the floor of the main room must be re-finished by shellac and varnish or some other floor preparation. The finish which was put on two years ago is all off in some places and the floor is becoming badly worn. The trustees urge that an appropriation be made at the coming town meeting for this work. The cost of this need not be large.

The question of burning coal instead of wood was carefully considered by the trustees. Some of the members feel that there would be a real advantage in burning coal. Wood is still being used.

State officials have recently been insisting that the departments of town affairs follow strictly the letter of the law governing town receipts, appropriations, and expenditures. For some time it has been a matter of law that all receipts whatsoever by any department must be turned over to the town's general fund. Expenditures can be made only from appropriations made by the town. Hence this year the town officers felt that these matters of law should be followed, and the book fines which the library has had for its use in years past was withheld.

The Board of Trustees greatly appreciate the valuable assistance given by Mrs. George and the secretary in the selection of the books and magazines, and other interests of the library. We can not speak too highly of the service rendered by the librarian, Mrs. Daley.

We assure the townspeople that the Taft Public library has been commendably satisfactory during the year 1931.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL H. DROWN, Chairman,
EDWARD F. BLOOD, Secretary,
LENA W. GEORGE,
WILLIAM A. BARRY,
LESTER P. MANN,

Library Trustees.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
OF THE
TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriations	\$500 00
Special appropriation for ceiling	100 00
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	\$600 00

EXPENDITURES.

The Personal Book Shop, books	\$57 09
Uxbridge Printing Co., supplies	5 00
Gaylord Bros., supplies	8 90
H. R. Hunting Co., supplies	3 68
Edric Temple, trucking	1 50
Herbert C. Forbes, supplies	1 50
F. M. Aldrich, new ceiling, repairs	130 99

Junior Literary Guild, books	18 50	
Fuller & Wilson, express	50	
Carl M. Taft, wood	12 00	
Anderson & Mattson, wood	22 00	
Cahill's News Agency, magazines	36 50	
Verena R. Daley, salary	250 00	
Joseph H. Dudley, services and supplies	51 84	
	<hr/>	\$600 00

FLETCHER FUND.

EXPENDITURES.

Ginn & Co., books	\$34 18	
Dodd, Mead & Co., books	7 00	
H. W. Wilson Co., books	7 00	
The Personal Book Shop, books	233 16	
	<hr/>	\$281 34

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER P. MANN,

Finance Committee.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE TAFT PUBLIC LIBRARY:—

The circulation for the year (103 days) was 9807 volumes. The largest number given out in one day was 196, the smallest, 31; the average, 95. The circulation by classes was as follows: Fiction, 7221; Magazines, 1453; Bound Magazines, 15; Biography, 358; Travel, 107; History, 166; Literature, 208; Useful and Fine Arts, 118; Science, 69; all others, 107.

There are 7371 volumes in the library. 404 volumes were added the past year and 63 were taken out. 54 were bought by the town and 195 by the Fletcher Fund. The balance were given by H. Houghton, Mrs. A. Knight, N. R. George, Mrs. L. Drown and the Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The library subscribes to the American, American Girl, Boy's Life, Child Life, Collier's, Country Gentleman, Delineator, Field and Stream, Harper's Monthly, House and Garden, Ladies' Home Journal, Life, Literary Digest, McCall's, National Geographic, Nature Magazine, Pictorial Review, Normal Instructor, Saturday Evening Post and St. Nicholas. The Library Commission sent the American Boy, Good Housekeeping, Popular Mechanics, World Work. The Farmer's Wife, Dumb Animals, National Republic, Elk's, Columbia, Rotary, New England Poultryman are given.

There were 18 pupils in the Intermediate School who received State Reading Certificates for reading five books and one pupil who read twenty books received a large certificate this past year.

\$19.29 was received in fines during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

VERENA R. DALEY,

Librarian.

Mendon, January 1, 1932.

BOOKS ADDED IN 1931.

FICTION:—

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| Ariel dances. | E. C. Eliot. |
| An end to mirth. | B. A. Williams. |
| Adam and some eves. | C. Merrel. |
| Ambrose Holt and family. | E. Glaspell. |
| Bitter tea of General Yen. | G. Z. Stone. |
| Bug eye. | A. LeMay. |
| Basque people. | D. Canfield. |
| Bayberry Lane. | S. W. Bassett. |
| Big money. | P. G. Wodehouse. |
| Bull moose. | R. Cullum. |
| Basquerie. | E. Mercein Kelly. |
| Belle-Mere. | K. Norris. |
| Company of shadows. | J. M. Walsh. |
| Captain Cavalier. | J. Gregory. |
| Crock of gold. | J. Stephens. |
| Captain Blood returns. | R. Sabatini. |
| Deepening stream. | D. Canfield. |
| Doctor of Lonesome River. | E. Marshall. |
| Detective story book. | L. Tracy. |
| Desert brew. | B. M. Bower. |
| Dying alderman. | H. Wade. |
| Dean's Elbow. | A. E. W. Mason. |
| Fair tomorrow. | E. Loring. |
| Finch's fortune. | M. DeLa Roche. |
| Five on parade. | D. Peel. |
| Gitana. | R. Chambers. |
| Gringo privateer. | P. B. Kyne. |
| Glory trail. | M. Reed. |
| Good companions. | J. B. Priestly. |
| Gloucester fishermen. | J. B. Connolly. |
| Hidden city. | P. Gibbs. |
| Hanging woman. | J. Rhode. |
| Killing of Judge MacFarlane. | M. Plum. |
| Lively lady. | K. Roberts. |

- Miss Mole.
 Murder off stage.
 Murder in Paris.
 Murder at the pageant.
 Marivosa.
 Modesta.
 Mrs. Fischer's war.
 Murder of some importance.
 Mystery of 31, New Inn.
 Mystery of Hunting's End.
 Mr. Fortune explains.
 Man of the North.
 Monkey in silk.
 Murder through the window.
 Midnight mail.
 Miss Welby ay Steen.
 Mysterious Waye.
 One of us is a murderer.
 On Forsyte change.
 Quest of youth.
 Rowena rides the rumble.
 Rynox Murder mystery.
 Silver flute.
 Sunset Pass.
 Starry adventure.
 Stories of today and yesterday.
 Set a thief.
 Short stories of today.
 Scaramouche the king maker.
 Suspicion.
 Swan Island murders.
 Square circle.
 Sea change.
 Singer in the wilderness.
 Shortest night.
 Susan Spray.
 Ships of youth.
 E. H. Young.
 M. Barrett.
 A. Campbell.
 V. L. Whitechurch.
 B. Orczy.
 G. B. Stern.
 H. Leslie.
 B. Graeme.
 R. A. Freeman.
 M. G. Eberhart.
 H. C. Bailey.
 J. B. Hendryx.
 M. Turnbull.
 F. Everton.
 H. Holt.
 A. Marshall.
 P. C. Wren.
 A. LeMay.
 J. Galsworthy.
 J. Farnol.
 E. Hueston.
 P. MacDonald.
 L. Larrimore.
 Z. Grey.
 M. Austin.
 F. H. Law.
 L. Thayer.
 Hanson and Gross.
 R. Sabatini.
 F. Riddell.
 V. Lincoln.
 D. MacKail.
 E. Mercein Kelly.
 W. B. Mowery.
 G. B. Stern.
 S. Kaye-Smith.
 M. Diver.

Song-bird.
 Sixth journey.
 Solange stories.
 Shorn lamb.
 Shadows on the rock.
 The runner.
 Talleyrand Maxim.
 Tragedy on the line.
 Thirty fathoms deep.
 The promise.
 The shadow.
 Up the ladder of gold.
 Ten commandments.
 Vintage of Yon Yee.
 Vantine diamonds.
 Villa in Brittany.
 William.
 Windmill on the dune.
 Windlestraws.
 Wildfire.
 Whereabouts unknown.
 Winging lane.
 Windymere.
 Water.
 White fawn.
 Windfall.
 White bird flying.

S. Cleugh.
 A. G. Rosman.
 F. F. Jesse.
 W. J. Locke.
 W. Cather.
 R. Connor.
 J. S. Fletcher.
 J. Rhode.
 E. Ellsberg.
 J. B. Hendryx.
 H. B. Jones.
 E. P. Oppenheim.
 W. Deeping.
 L. J. Miln.
 J. A. Small.
 D. Moffat.
 E. H. Young.
 M. E. Waller.
 P. Bottome
 Z. Grey.
 Mrs. B. Reynolds.
 P. Gibbs.
 A. R. Colver.
 R. C. Mitchell.
 O. Prouty.
 R. Andrews.
 B. S. Aldrich.

NON-FICTION.

Audels radiomans guide.
 Adventure.
 Achievement.
 American writers.

F. D. Graham.
 Cross, Smith and
 Stauffer.
 Cross, Smith and
 Stauffer.
 Cross, Smith and
 Stauffer.

- American standards and planes
 of living.
 Adventures in the African jungle.
 Across the plains.
 Adventures in a suburban garden.
 Bird guide.
 Best plays of 1929-1930.
 Back to Montparnasse.
 By way of Cape Horn.
 Charles W. Eliot. Vol. I, II.
 Challenge of Russia.
 Costume throughout the ages.
 Care and repair of the home.
 Craft work.
 Commercial art.
 Dictatorship on trial.
 Desserts.
 Education of a princess.
 English writers.

 Easter.
 Field book of wild birds and their
 music.
 Five French books.
 Fall of the Russian Empire.
 Four contemporary novelists.
 Fundamentals of health.

 Flower guide.
 Games for two.
 Henley's ABC of gliding and
 sailflying.
 How to be interesting.
 Italian Lakes.
 Jobs for girls.
 Knute K. Rockne.
 Life of Philip Brooks.

 T. D. Eliot.
 C. and M. Akeley.
 R. L. Stevenson.
 L. B. Wilder.
 C. A. Reed.
 B. Mantel, ed.
 S. Huddleston.
 A. J. Villiers.
 H. James.
 S. Eddy.
 M. Evans.
 V. B. Phelan.
 E. S. Cave.
 C. E. Wallace.
 F. DeBattaglia.
 A. Bradley.
 P. Marie.
 Cross, Smith and
 Stauffer.
 R. H. Schauffler, ed.

 F. S. Mathews.

 E. A. Walsh.
 W. L. Cross.
 Kirkpatrick and
 Huettner.
 C. A. Reed.
 Mrs. P. Warren

 V. W. Page
 R. E. Rogers.
 R. Bagot.
 H. R. Cades.
 B. S. Rockne.
 W. Lawrence.

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| Lauterbach of the China Sea. | L. Thomas. |
| Lowell; vital records. Vol. III and IV. | |
| Little America. | R. E. Byrd. |
| Learndo the Florentine. | R. A. Taylor. |
| Life story of King George V. | R. C. Dent. |
| Life and times of Lydia E. Pinkham. | R. C. Washburn. |
| Lucy Stone. | A. S. Blackwell. |
| My story. | M. R. Rinehart. |
| Major European governments. | P. O. Ray. |
| Magnetism and electricity. | M. Meister. |
| Mother India. | K. Mayo. |
| National governments. | F. A. Magruder. |
| New American literature. | F. L. Pattee. |
| New International year book. | 1930. |
| Our times—Pre-war America. | M. Sullivan. |
| Out of the dark. | Mrs. L. M. Drown. |
| Our heritage. | Mrs. N. W. P. Smith. |
| Personality of a house. | E. Post. |
| Practical public speaking. | B. Lyon. |
| Plays for graduation days. | A. P. Sanford. |
| Pershing. | H. McCracken. |
| Story of San Michele. | A. Munthe. |
| South American. | A. Rothery. |
| Stage scenery and lighting. | Selden and Sellman. |
| Secretary's handbook. | Taintor and Monro. |
| Short plays for modern players. | G. Hughes. |
| Tree guide. | J. E. Rogers. |
| Twelve one-act plays | S. M. Tucker. |
| Types of poetry. | Hall and Moore. |
| Ten modern poets. | R. Brenner. |
| The quick and the dead. | G. Bradford. |
| Universal history. | Ploetz. |
| Washington's birthday. | R. H. Schauffler, ed. |
| Watching Europe grow. | C. S. Parker. |
| World's best loved poems. | J. G. Lawson. |
| Yule tide in many lands. | Pringle and Urann. |

JUVENILES:—

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| Alice, Thomas and Jane. | E. Bagnold. |
| At home. | C. M. Martin. |
| Adventures of Peter and Lotta. | E. Beskow. |
| Adventures of Tom Sawyer. | M. Twain. |
| Andy and Polly. | R. Wells. |
| Alaska, the great bear's cub. | M. L. Davis. |
| Americas. | Atwood and Thomas. |
| Bar-rac. | V. J. Hoyt. |
| By reason of strength. | G. W. Johnson. |
| Bucaroo. | F. Hess. |
| Beethoven. | M. Goss. |
| Boy scouts' year book. | K. K. Mathiews. |
| Big book of boy's hobbies. | A. N. Hall. |
| Children's book of celebrated legends. | L. M. Bryant. |
| Coral Island. | I. Wilder. |
| Children's short story index. | D. A. Wurzburg. |
| Dog named Chips. | A. P. Terhune. |
| Four gypsy children. | C. Morris. |
| Good times for all times. | N. B. Lamkin. |
| Games and recreational methods. | C. F. Smith. |
| Home life in far-away lands. | Atwood and Thomas. |
| House in hidden lane. | A. J. Seaman. |
| Happy boy. | B. Bjornson. |
| How they carried the mail. | J. Walker. |
| Judy. | F. Balwin. |
| Jock the Scot. | A. G. Rosman. |
| Jane's Island. | M. H. Allee. |
| Long defence. | F. Donauer. |
| Learning to fly for the navy. | B. Studley. |
| Little world children. | E. E. Scantlebury. |
| Magic loaves. | H. Brister. |
| Max. | M. H. St. Clair. |
| Melissa Ann. | E. Parton. |
| Merry adventures of Robin Hood. | Dietrick and Walsh. |
| Making an orchestra. | D. M. Commins. |

My wild animal guests.	E. H. Baynes.
Nations beyond the seas.	Atwood and Thomas
Ood-le-uk the wanderer.	Lide and Johansen.
Our children.	A. France.
Once there was and was not.	B. and G. Dane.
Painted arrow.	F. Gaither.
Polly's shop.	E. A. Brown.
Play the game.	M. Charnley.
Roundabout turn.	R. H. Charles.
Red Horse Hill.	S. W. Meader.
Red Prior's legacy.	A. H. Bill.
Red man's luck.	C. L. Skinner.
Sun-up.	W. James.
Secret cargo.	H. Pease.
Spice and the devil's cave.	A. O. Hewes.
Tales and travels.	C. M. Martin.
Tinka, Minka and Linka.	M. McNeer.
Tales of a Basque grandmother.	F. Carpenter.
With the eagles.	P. L. Anderson.
Wags and Woofie.	Aldredge and McKee.
When grandfather was a boy.	C. S. Bailey.
Wandering Monday.	R. Chevalier.

Eighteen Primers and Readers were added.

This is a list of the new books which were added the past year. Many of the books which were given were duplicates or old books and anyone may see the complete list of books at the Library at any time.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

Mendon, Mass., January 25, 1932.

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of Town Officers who have received and disbursed funds belonging to the Town of Mendon for year ending December 31, 1931, and find they correspond.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH W. COFFIN,
Auditor.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF MENDON

FOR THE

SCHOOL YEAR 1931

SCHOOL DIRECTORY, 1931-1932.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Lester P. Mann, Chairman	Term Expires 1934
Frank J. Leonard	Term Expires 1932
Ina Irons, Secretary	Term Expires 1933

Regular meetings held at the Center School building on the first Thursday of each month at 7 P. M.

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS—CARROLL H. DROWN.

Office—High School Building, Hopedale. Telephone, Milford, 1630.

Office open 8-12 A. M. and 1-5.30 P. M. on school days and during summer vacation. Employment and educational certificates granted at any time during office hours. 84

TEACHERS.

Years of Service
in Town.

Subject or Grade. Preparation.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Henry P. Clough, Principal	Mathematics and Science	Dartmouth College and Worcester Normal, 4 years	Fourth
Marion Remmert	English and History	N. H. Univ.—Harvard	Second
Ida M. Grover	Latin and French	Boston University	Second

CENTER SCHOOL.

Orrilla F. Park	6, 7, 8	Castleton, Vermont, Normal	Seventh
Martha E. Ryder	3, 4, 5	Hyannis and North Adams Normals	Fourth
Edith Davenport	Assistant 3, 4, 5	Framingham Normal	Second
Mary M. Ross	1 and 2	Framingham Normal	Second

EAST MENDON.

Etta Christiansen	1 — 7	Hyannis Normal	First
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MUSIC SUPERVISOR.

Amy Young Burns	Philadelphia Conservatory of Music, Study in Germany, etc.	First
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SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.

K. A. Campbell, M. D.	Telephone, Milford, 102
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SCHOOL NURSES.

Helen C. Grady, R. N.	Milford District Nursing Association, Telephone, Milford, 862
Mildred Salmond, R. N., Assistant		

JANITORS.

Raymond Barrows Center School
 Fred Bullard East Mendon

TRANSPORTATION AGENTS.

Harold C. Barrows
 Kenneth Taft
 M., F. & U. Coach Co.

TRUANT OFFICER.

Harold C. Barrows

MENDON SCHOOL CALENDAR.

1932.

ELEMENTARY.

WINTER TERM.

Opens January 4, closes March 18 (eleven weeks)
Vacation two weeks

SPRING TERM.

Opens April 4, closes June 10 (ten weeks)
Summer vacation

FALL TERM.

Opens September 6, closes December 16 (fifteen weeks)
Vacation two weeks

WINTER TERM.

Opens January 3, 1933

HIGH SCHOOL

WINTER TERM.

Opens January 4, closes March 25 (twelve weeks)
Vacation one week

SPRING TERM.

Opens April 4, closes June 24 (twelve weeks)
Summer vacation

FALL TERM.

Opens September 6, closes December 23 (sixteen weeks)
Vacation one week

WINTER TERM.

Opens January 3, 1933

LEGAL HOLIDAYS.

New Year's Day, January 1; Washington's Birthday, February 22; Patriots' Day, April 19; Memorial Day, May 30; Labor Day, September 5; Columbus Day, October 12; Armistice Day, November 11; Thanksgiving Day, November 24; Christmas Day, December 25.

When a holiday comes on Sunday the following Monday becomes a holiday. There will be no session of schools on the Friday following Thanksgiving Day.

NO SCHOOL SIGNAL.

Siren blast 2-2 sounded at 7.15 closes all schools for the day. It is important for parents to note the time and manner of this signal.

The closing of all schools always involves considerable misunderstanding and difficulty because it is impossible for a no-school signal to be heard over the entire territory of the town. Therefore this signal is rarely used.

ATTENDANCE LAWS.

The state laws governing school attendance require that:

Every child from seven to fourteen years of age unless he is physically or mentally unfit, and until he is sixteen years of age if he has not completed the sixth grade, shall attend school all the time it is in session. Every child from fourteen to sixteen years of age shall attend school unless such child has received an employment certificate and is regularly employed according to law for at least six hours per day. All minors under sixteen working in towns or cities which maintain continuation schools must attend the continuation school as prescribed by law.

If a child fails to attend school according to law for seven day sessions or fourteen half-day sessions, the child shall be considered an habitual truant and may be sent to a truant school.

If a parent or guardian fails to cause the child under his charge to attend school according to law, he shall be fined not over twenty dollars for each offense.

SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

For current expenses	\$17,003 93
General appropriation, 1931	\$16,300 00
Appropriation for physician and nurse	300 00
Appropriation for 1930 bills	96 88
Transfer from Emergency Fund	307 05
For Trade School tuition	18 40
Grand total	<u>\$17,022 33</u>

EXPENDITURES.

Current expenses	\$16,994 26
Regular school expenses, 1931	\$16,897 38
1930 bills	96 88
Trade School tuition, 1930	18 40
Grand total	<u>\$17,012 66</u>
Balance on hand	\$9 67
(Unpaid bills, \$59.00)	

REIMBURSEMENTS.

General school fund, Part I	\$1,600 00
General school fund, Part II	1,484 53
Superintendent's salary	386 66
Tuition from State and City of Boston	772 83
High School grant	666 67
Total	<u>\$4,910 69</u>

TAXATION COST OF SCHOOLS.

Total school expenditures	\$16,994 26
Reimbursements	4,910 69
Net cost of schools by taxation	<u>\$12,083 57</u>

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EXPENSES.

Total	\$16,994 26
Teachers	\$10,080 67
Transportation	1,845 35
Fuel	1,366 26
Care of buildings	1,036 75
Superintendent	800 00
Textbooks	463 85
Health	352 19
Supplies	339 77
Repairs and replacement	266 81
Clerk and other expenses	219 57
Tuition	111 15
Expenses of operation—lights, floor oil, etc.	51 26
Miscellaneous	37 38
School Committee expense	23 25

ACCOUNTS ITEMIZED.

Textbooks	\$463 85
Allyn & Bacon	\$7 67
American Book Co.	21 89
Edward E. Babb & Co.	42 33
Beckley-Cardy Co.	6 69
C. C. Birchard & Co.	39 76
Dura Binding Co.	77
Ginn & Company	97 45
Globe Book Co.	44
D. C. Heath & Co.	50 91
Iroquois Publishing Co.	11 65
Macmillan Co.	43 51
Rand McNally & Co.	55 92
Benj. H. Sanborn & Co.	14 01
Scott Foresman & Co.	2 20
Silver Burdett & Co.	27 84
Webster Publishing Co.	34

Wheeler Publishing Co.	2 14	
John C. Winston Co.	2 32	
World Book Co.	36 01	
Supplies		\$339 77
Avery & Woodbury Co., curtains	\$24 75	
Edward E. Babb & Co.	4 77	
C. C. Birchard & Co.	8 25	
Boston Music Co.	11 08	
Charlescraft Press	2 95	
Charles E. Cooney	1 17	
George F. Cram Co.	22 98	
Denoyer-Geppert Co.	3 29	
Dowling School Supply Co.	18 32	
Carroll H. Drown	6 80	
Forbes Press	2 72	
Fuller & Wilson Express	3 00	
J. L. Hammett Co.	136 89	
Charles W. Homeyer & Co.	5 22	
Miller & Lord	10 50	
Morgan Paper Co.	14 00	
F. A. Owen Pub. Co.	3 75	
Rand McNally & Co.	20 62	
O. H. Toothaker	2 00	
Webster Publishing Co.	2 16	
World Book Co.	2 05	
Wright & Potter Printing Co.	2 07	
E. A. Wright Co., diplomas	30 43	
Repairs and replacements		\$266 81
F. M. Aldrich	\$3 50	
Avery & Woodbury	2 05	
Raymond Barrows	7 00	
W. A. Barry	1 25	
H. M. Burr	1 00	
Maurice Carlson	16 50	
H. S. Chadbourne Co.	70 73	

Frederick A. Gould	1 44	
Grafton & Upton R. R. Co.	3 29	
Town of Hopedale	19 00	
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins, seats	27 75	
E. T. Powers	82 00	
Sears, Roebuck Co., desk	19 95	
Reynolds' Music Store	2 50	
Carl M. Taft	1 00	
F. C. Townsend	7 85	
Expenses of operation—light, floor oil, etc.		\$51 26
Commissioner Public Safety	\$5 00	
L. M. Glover Co.	2 18	
J. L. Hammett Co.	1 22	
George H. Locke	2 80	
Massachusetts State Prison	1 44	
Masury-Young Co.	21 25	
Henry Patrick Co.	60	
Chester C. Shattuck	3 69	
George E. Thayer	2 00	
Worcester Suburban Electric Co.	11 08	
Transportation		\$1,845 35
Harold Barrows	\$720 65	
Lester Hodgkins	119 20	
Johnson Bus Lines	100 00	
M., F. & U. Coach Co.	635 50	
Kenneth Taft	270 00	
Care of buildings and grounds		\$1,036 75
Mrs. Alfred Auty	\$51 75	
Raymond Barrows	380 00	
Fred Bullard	45 00	
Harold Parkinson	490 00	
Mrs. George Thayer	50 00	
Others	20 00	

Health		\$352 19
District Nursing Association	\$250 94	
Dr. K. A. Campbell	50 00	
Dr. K. A. Campbell, 1930 bill	50 00	
J. J. Gibbs	1 25	
Fuel		\$1,366 26
Fred Bullard	\$11 50	
H. M. Curtiss Coal Co.	1,304 16	
Carl M. Taft	50 60	
Tuition		\$111 15
Town of Uxbridge	\$64 27	
Town of Uxbridge, 1930 bill	46 88	
(Trade school, not included in total because not regular school ex- pense	18 40)	
Miscellaneous		\$37 38
Herbert J. Mann, lettering diplomas	\$3 13	
Carroll H. Drown, postage and tele- phone	28 95	
Milford Daily News	5 30	
Teachers		\$10,080 67
Superintendent—salary		800 00
Superintendent—clerk and other ex- penses		219 57
School Committee expense		23 25
Total current expenses		<hr/> \$16,994 26

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AND
CITIZENS OF MENDON:—

This is the thirty-eighth report of the superintendent of schools.

As this report must be brief, only the outstanding features can be considered.

Especially good work has been done in the schools the past year. There has been an attempt for better instruction and good general organization in the school program.

The schools in the Center building are becoming very much crowded. This condition is caused by the large number of State and City Wards placed in town, the lowering of the age of entrance, and new families moving into town. Unless some of these conditions are changed, more school room will soon be imperative.

Because there are no Normal School training students available this year, the Intermediate School could not have the assistance of one of those students as in the past few years, so Miss Davenport was engaged as full time assistant in that school. The Primary school of nearly fifty pupils should have a full time assistant. At present a capable Kindergarten Training student, Miss Symonds, is giving free assistance in that room a portion of the time. This help may not be available much longer. The Grammar and High School rooms are well filled.

Because of the very small number of pupils, the Albeeville school was closed this fall, and Mr. Kenneth Taft was engaged to transport the pupils to the Center. This change is of advantage because the cost is less than maintaining the school, and it gives larger advantages to the children. The

small number of pupils from that school distributed about in the various grades at the Center do not materially increase the enrollment of any school.

New arrangements for janitor work at the Center building were made in August. At a small increase in salary, the janitor is employed on *full time* during the school week. Among the advantages of this plan is that many minor repairs on the building and improvements on the grounds have been made this fall without additional cost.

On account of the location of the new state road through the East part of the town, the East school building had to be moved. As provided by law, by vote of the town the selectmen purchased a site on the west side of the old road about one-fourth mile south-east of the former location. One-half acre was secured at first, and later one-half acre more was bought. This additional land provides a good playground.

The building was moved and placed on a good cement foundation with some grading about the building by the state authorities. The state officials willingly fulfilled the contract of locating the building in as good a condition as it was formerly.

The new location is pleasant and satisfactory except that the land is very wet and muddy at times. If funds were available, a large amount of grading about the building would be a great improvement. It is well that it is located some distance from the new road speedway.

The conditions of the deed made to the selectmen require that a fence shall be erected and maintained forever on the boundary of this land. Hence it will be necessary for the town at the coming town meeting to appropriate funds for this fence.

Some of the needs of the schools are: more room, some new adjustable seats and desks, storm windows, two new teacher's desks, a better water supply, and a toilet system in the Center building.

A sanitary toilet system in a school building is an essential convenience in these modern times. Most of our

homes have many modern conveniences, streets are lighted, and there are miles of good roads, but the school sanitary conveniences are ancient, no better than they were fifty years ago. The present arrangements are not only uncomfortable, but they are unsanitary and injurious to the health of the children. We all appreciate the importance of the comfort and health of our children. The demands of physical nature can not be met when children have to go out in the rain, snow, mud, and cold to an unsanitary out-building. Parents should realize the advantage of clean, warm toilet facilities. Parents are constantly demanding more for their children, especially in transportation. Mendon's transportation cost for this year will be about \$2100. School sanitary conditions are more essential for health than transportation.

In the interest of the welfare of the children, the writer again urges the town to provide these essential conveniences.

Some say that this is not the time to make improvements, yet there are reasons why this is an opportune time. The cost would be much less than in years past, and perhaps in years to come. Also people are in need of work which improvements will give. If we knew that prosperity is to return in one year, the proposition might well be put off, but in view of business conditions it is a pity to put off for years this important matter.

It is certain that our country's present economic condition is rather serious. Continued retrenchment is a most detrimental procedure for progress. Cutting business and wages is the best method of increasing the depression. If great industries and municipalities—towns and cities—continue to cut, can we expect to recover from this depression? Dismissing laborers and cutting wages lessens purchasing power, which causes stagnation of business, and should be avoided if possible. No town should spend recklessly or wastefully in any department, but it is wisdom that town officials keep the departments running as fully and efficiently as possible.

There is no depression in schools; they are larger than ever and their needs were never greater. The teacher's work is increased rather than diminished.

One big problem before the schools to-day is the great increase in the number of young people sent back to school because there are no jobs for them. If this condition keeps up our schools may well be called "Detention Institutions." Without doubt schools are the best place we have for the jobless young folks, but from the standpoint of education this condition is demoralizing and brings a problem in the operation of schools.

It is not wholly beneficial to youth over fifteen years of age who have no interest in and but little adaptability to school work, to have to remain in school. High school and college graduates are advised to go back to school again. If it were possible it would be much better for such youth to get out into life's work and come in contact with the active world. One can scarcely make a success if he can not start his life's work until after he is thirty years of age.

These conditions increase the cost of schools, which must be met with appropriations.

Intensive work in singing in the schools is being done under the direction of the supervisor, Mrs. Burns.

The health work by the school physician and nurses becomes more effective. We are longing for the time when our people become as health-minded as they are dress-minded.

We gratefully acknowledge the gift of the flag charts presented by the D. A. R. through Mrs. Ralph Coffin.

Our High School is doing well. The public hears from it at the times of the plays, prize speaking, graduation, and the Washington trip. The training in public speaking is valuable. We plead for a larger attendance at the prize speaking contest. If you will attend this entertainment we are sure you will enjoy the evening, and your presence will be an inspiration to the pupils.

Though the town hall is now large enough for the graduation, because of the kindness of the Unitarian Church people and with appreciation of the beauty and attractiveness of the Church, the graduations are still held there.

The reader's attention is called to the special reports of the departments. The financial report, the school calendar, directory, etc., are worthy of careful reading.

The faithful willing service rendered by the School Committee and the loyal support given by the townspeople are highly commendable.

The responsibilities of the schools are greater in a time of depression than in times of prosperity and the test of a people's courage and loyalty is great at this time. In confidence we expect Mendon to firmly meet this test by a continued liberal support of its schools. The complexity of life to-day offers opportunity only to those of education and good training which is the best heritage that can be given the rising generation of citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

CARROLL H. DROWN.

When the East Mendon school building was moved the following was found pasted back of the blackboard. It may be of interest to the readers of this report.

COPY:—

"This schoolhouse was built in the months of October and November and finished in the month of December, 1900 by Whitney & Son, Milford. The mason work was done by Albee & Greateon, Milford. The building committee consisted of Julius George, Erwin Snow, and Albert Albee, Frank Woods, and Leonard Taft.

Julius George, Chairman of Building Committee.

Elmer E. Sherman, School Superintendent.

The School Committee consisted of Erwin Snow, Frank Woods, and Leonard Taft.

Miss Lillian Porter, from Haverhill, school teacher.

Mrs. Georgiana Cook, janitor.

SCHOLARS—1900.

Isabel Rowe	Bertha Phillips	Eunice Barrows
Annie Phillips	Chester Rowe	Marion Lewis
Lester Bowen	Ethel Albee	Willie Bowen
Alice Bowen	John Bowen	May Barrows
Warren Bates	Charlie Phillips	Earl Hervey
Eugene Barrows	Edmond Rowe	Frank Phillips
Clara Barrows	Grace Thayer	Alice White"

REPORT OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL.

TO MR. CARROLL H. DROWN,

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

I herewith submit my fourth annual report of the Mendon High School for the year ending December 31, 1931.

The year's program of work has been consistently followed and no extensive changes have been introduced in the school routine.

Registration is approximately that of last year. There are thirteen Freshmen, ten Sophomores, four Juniors, and seven Seniors. There are twelve pupils in the eighth grade.

The regular school activities have been carried on in a creditable manner and a summary of school events of public interest follows:

Graduation was held June 18, 1931 in the Unitarian Church. Five pupils received diplomas: Eleanor Davenport, Marion Flooks, Marjorie Pickard, Norman I. Rogers, Jesse F. White. Nine pupils took part in the annual prize speaking contest on June 3. First prize was awarded to Norman I. Rogers, second prize to Marjorie R. Brown, and third prize to Beatrice L. Davenport. The Senior Class presented a three-act play, "A Bunch of Fun" on December 12, to a large audience.

Memorial Day was fittingly observed by a program in which the entire school participated. Earlier in the year the grades observed Health Day by presenting a pleasing entertainment which was well attended by the townspeople. The Christmas programs held in the grade rooms of the school

building deserve special mention, not only for their merit but for the interest shown by parents and friends.

Additional pupils from the Albeeville district and a large entering class in grade one have filled the building to capacity, and although the rooms are not overcrowded, there is little available space for more desks and seats if needed in the future.

Unfortunately the water supply again proved to be inadequate to meet the needs of the building during the fall term, and a deeper well may soon be necessary.

The present Senior class is busily engaged in raising funds for the trip to Washington. Inasmuch as the trip is of unquestionable educational value it is certainly worthy of being continued. There are, however, some features connected with the yearly task of accumulating necessary funds which should be taken into consideration. The constant pressure on the community for financial support is doubtless somewhat objectionable. Although the townspeople of Mendon have always responded willingly and most generously to the needs of the school, there is some danger of carrying this pressure to excess, particularly if the classes happen to be larger than usual. There is also a necessary limitation of school activities because most school entertainments must be planned primarily for the purpose of making money.

As a possible solution to the problem, it is recommended that the policy be established whereby each pupil should set aside, either for himself or in a school fund supervised by the principal or class advisor, a definite amount of money each week while in high school. By saving systematically over a period of nearly four years, each class could accumulate more than one-half the expense of the trip without great hardship on individual members. The remainder could be raised by our present method without being a burden on the public. A plan of this type would greatly relieve the town from the perennial campaign for funds and weaken the monopoly which the Washington trip holds over other school affairs.

It is the aim of the teaching staff of Mendon High School to impress upon the lives of the pupils, habits of punctuality, scholarly accuracy, a love of work, and a desire to render service. I gratefully express appreciation for the efforts of many persons who have contributed toward a realization of these ideals.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. CLOUGH,

Principal.

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR.

TO MR. CARROLL H. DROWN,
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

I hereby submit my first report as Supervisor of Music in the Mendon Public Schools.

It is our special aim musically to train the children to appreciate and love the best in music and later to be able to apply it to the great art of living, for music is no longer considered a luxury but a necessity.

Special work with monotones, that is, children having difficulty in matching tones or carrying a melody, is being done in the lower grades. After four months we are slowly overcoming this difficulty, and most of the little folks are now enjoying singing with the rest of the classes.

Progress is being made in the study of note reading, tone and rhythm drills, ear training, rote songs, sight singing of simple melodies with words. Individual singing is stressed as well as class singing. Excellent work is being done in the upper grades in two and three part singing.

For the Christmas season each grade gave a splendid rendition of the Christmas story in song, illustrated with many beautiful and inspiring carols.

In our High School we are stressing the Art of Music Appreciation and Interpretation through the study of the work of various composers. There is also a notable improvement in the quality of tone production in the singing of the boys and girls.

I wish to express my deep appreciation for the splendid co-operation shown by my co-workers as well as the many courtesies extended me by the Superintendent, Principal of the High School, and the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

AMY YOUNG BURNS,

Supervisor of Music.

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSING.

TO MR. CARROLL H. DROWN,

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS:—

May I present to you the Annual report of the nursing work done in the Mendon Schools for the year ending December 31, 1931.

One day a week spent in doing school nursing, usually on a Tuesday, when school was in session. Center school and Albeeville visited in the morning and East Mendon in the afternoon from January until June. From September through December, with the Albeeville school closed, the nurse spent all morning at Center school and the afternoon in East Mendon, doing home visiting and teaching Home Nursing Classes.

Quite a bit has been accomplished in the schools this past year, along the health lines, the most outstanding is the Dental Clinic work and the special attention given to the 10% underweight children.

The nurse made a special effort to have physical defects corrected on three children who were 10% underweight, instructing the parents to give the children extra milk, etc. These little people have shown a decided gain and we hope will be better able to meet life's responsibilities in the future years.

The District Nursing Association financed a seven day Dental Clinic for the Mendon children, in October, using the teacher's room at Center School. A portable chair and equipment were installed and the children treated, one at a time, returning to their class room afterward. The East Mendon

children were transported to and from the Clinic. 109 children were treated as follows:

96 Cleanings.

2 Fillings.

93 Temporary teeth extracted.

21 Permanent teeth extracted.

Child Health Day, a day in May, was most fittingly celebrated by all the schools. Albeeville and East Mendon had outdoor programs, crowning the Health Queen, a short health playlet, songs and readings on health, etc. The Center school used the town hall for their program.

Classes in Home Nursing have been organized for older girls.

Pupils were weighed three times during the year and weight cards sent to the parents.

Fifteen trips were made with children to dentists, one child taken to a Doctor's office for examination and diagnosis, two trips to a Boston hospital with a child, one child taken to an oculist, five children examined at a T. B. Clinic arranged by the nurse, and one child to the Milford hospital for a tonsillectomy.

Two families of children are receiving a quart of milk a day, paid for by the District Nursing Association, arranged by the school nurse.

The homes of children, coming into school for the first time in September were visited in June and July advising early vaccination and a physical examination by their family physician. By so doing each year we hope to have physical defects corrected before the children enter school.

The summary of defects found by Dr. Campbell are as follows:

Number of children examined	196
Enlarged tonsils	33
Symptoms of adenoids	1

Defective teeth	41
Nervousness	2
Anaemia	6
Heart condition	1
Enlarged glands of neck	2
Eye condition	1
Wax in ears	15

Notices of defects found sent to parents or guardians.
A number of defects have been corrected.

The following is a summary of the work done by the nurses in the schools:

Health talks	63
Advice to pupils	162
Treated	56
Excluded as suspicious	8
Home visits	160
Cleanliness inspections	344
Pediculosis inspections	129
Inspection for disease	434
Teeth inspections	164

The schools were quite free of contagious diseases this past year, chicken-pox was the only one reported. We did have a siege of scabies and impetigo, two skin diseases, which cleaned up in a short time, by home treatment.

May I call your attention and the attention of all, who are interested in the welfare and comfort of the school children, to the water condition and also the need for indoor toilets. These are decidedly poor sanitary conditions, in this modern age and should be given some serious thought.

I wish to thank Mr. Drown, the teachers, the parents and the School Committee for their confidence and support this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN C. GRADY, Supervisor,
MILDRED SALMOND, Assistant.

REPORT OF 4-H CLUB WORK.

The Mend-On 4-H sewing club has again formed, with two members taking the fourth year work, five doing second year work, and eight taking the work for the first year. Each member has been required to make a simple gift, and the first year pupils have been required to make aprons entirely by hand. The second year pupils are making simple cotton dresses with appropriate slips. The work of the fourth year division is to make outfits including three garments. They have decided to make school outfits.

ORRILLA F. PARK,
Leader.

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATION EXERCISES

Unitarian Church, Eight O'Clock

Thursday, June 18, 1931

PROGRAMME.

Processional

Mrs. Viola Mann

Invocation

Rev. Roy B. Wintersteen

Song—Come, Spring

Pitcher

High School

Salutatory and Essay—Changing New England
Eleanor Davenport

Essay—America in the Machine Age
Jesse F. White

Song—A Little Close Harmony

O'Hara

High School

Class History and Prophecy

Marion Flooks

Essay—Conservation of Forests

Norman I. Rogers

Essay and Valedictory—American Architecture of Today
Marjorie Pickard

Song—O'er the Waters Gliding

Offenbach

High School Girls

Address

Mr. H. P. Clough

Presentation of Diplomas

Mr. Lester P. Mann, Chairman of School Committee

Benediction

Rev. Roy B. Wintersteen

Recessional

Mrs. Viola Mann

GRADUATES.

Eleanor Davenport

Jesse F. White

Marion Flooks

Norman I. Rogers

Marjorie Pickard

EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES.

Veto A. Anesta

Jennie Winnifred Beal

Mildred Beatrice Beal

Jeannette Bertha Bessette

Dona Joseph Bouchard

Wilfred N. Bouchard

Louise Alice Davenport

Henry Raymond Grant

Ruth Elizabeth Hogarth

Peter P. Karpowicz

Joseph Stephen Leoncini

Clifford E. Mathewson

Marjorie Elizabeth Mayo

Daniel Taft

Ada Frances Thomas

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL
PRIZE SPEAKING

Town Hall, Eight O'Clock

Wednesday Evening, June 3, 1931.

PROGRAMME

Song—Cadets On Parade	<i>Lowe</i>
High School	
The Masterful Man of the Ages	<i>Robsion</i>
Dorcas M. Barrows	
An Incident of the Rebellion	<i>Anonymous</i>
William L. Holbrook	
A Tragedy in Millinery	<i>Wiggin</i>
Ardella M. Anesta	
Patterns	<i>Lowell</i>
Beatrice L. Davenport	
Song—"Water Boy"—A Negro road work song	<i>Pitcher</i>
High School	
Perpetual International Peace	<i>Crisp</i>
Norman I. Rogers	
The White Hands of Telham	<i>Davenport</i>
Marjorie R. Brown	

The Hero of the Furnace Room	<i>Anonymous</i>
Henry R. Grant	

The Boat Race	<i>Anonymous</i>
E. Fredericka Mayo	

Song—Mister Moon	<i>Wilson</i>
High School	

Awarding of Prizes

First Prize—Norman I. Rogers
 Second Prize—Marjorie R. Brown
 Third Prize—Beatrice L. Davenport

MENDON HIGH SCHOOL

PRESENTS

"A BUNCH OF FUN."

Mendon Town Hall

Saturday Evening, December 12, 1931

THE CAST.

Rev. Stephen Grandon, D. D., Rector of St. Paul's	William Holbrook
Mary, his wife—flustrated on occasions	Dorcas Barrows
Martha, his sister—"a trifle warped"	Mildred Barnes
Christina, a maid—"a movie fan"	Marjorie Brown
Raymond Hunting—a "live wire"	Arthur Brewster
Vera Matherson—a base-ball fan	Esther Coffin
Nina Lee—a stage aspirant	Beatrice Davenport
Cecily Moorland—"the violin girl"	Eleanore Mayo
Sylvia Stewart—"the dancing girl"	Louise Davenport
Lynn Lockwood—the man who takes off his face	Raymond Dudley
Alice Hunting—the entertaining girl	Rose Leoncini
Murray Kent—a college playwright	Vernon Barrows
"Tacks" Mulford—a foot-ball star	George Davenport
Mrs. Salina Blair—a pest in the parish	Florence Thomas
The entire action takes place at Dr. Grandon's rectory in Heatherdale, New York.	
Act I—"The Bunch" arrives.	
Act II—"The Bunch" in action.	
Act III—"The Bunch" choose partners.	

MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM.

Flag Salute

All Schools

Song—Star Spangled Banner

All Schools

Prayer

Rev. Clarence E. Chamberlain

Gettysburg Address

Norman Rogers

Recitation—This Is the Flag for Me

Ernest Miller

Recitation—Our Flag

Mary Spadoni

Exercise—What Our Flag Means

Twelve Primary Pupils

Song—Wondering

Four Pupils of Grades 4 and 5

Recitation—Ode to Memorial Day

Mildred Auty

Recitation—Why They March

Robert Mellen

Song—My Flag

Group of Primary Children

Recitation—The Flag's Message

Dorothy June

Song—Red, White and Blue

Group of Primary Children

Recitation—The Graves of the Patriots

Jennie Beal

Exercise—Little Hands and Little Hearts

Group of Primary Children

Recitation—The Stars and Stripes

Irene Bessette

Song—Patriot's Song

Ten Pupils of Grades 4 and 5

Recitation—Decoration Day

Joseph Zylinski

Play—Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

Pupils of Grades 6 and 7

Recitation—Blue and Gray Makes Khaki

Robert Brownley

El Capitan March

Rhythm Band

Vocal Solo—His Buttons Are Marked U. S.

Kendall Mann

Recitation—Our Flag

Janet Barrows

Song—The Torchbearers' Song

Girls of Grades 6 and 7

Recitation—The Unknown

Wilfred Bouchard

Address

Mr. Alfred Howarth

Song—America

All

Benediction

Rev. Clarence E. Chamberlain

REPORT OF SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS

DECEMBER, 1931.

Number of pupils examined	214
Number found defective in eyesight	14
Number found defective in hearing	2
Number of parents notified	16

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES JANUARY 1, 1932 AND BY AGES OCTOBER 1, 1931.

BOYS

Ages	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
Grade I	8	4	5	1												18
Grade II		8	6	2												16
Grade III			1	7	3	1										12
Grade IV				7	7	7		1								15
Grade V				1	1	4	3	2								9
Grade VI							3	2				2				7
Grade VII							1	2	4	4	2	1				14
Grade VIII									3	3	1					7
Totals of Elementary Grades	8	12	12	11	11	12	7	5	7	7	3	3				98
High School																
IX										4	1	1	3			9
X											2	1	1	1		5
XI																0
XII																0
Total High School										4	3	2	4	1		14
Total Boys	8	12	12	11	11	12	7	5	7	11	6	5	4	1		112

GIRLS

Ages	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
Grade I	4	6	1													11
Grade II		2	10													12
Grade III			1	5	2											8
Grade IV				1	4			1								6
Grade V					1	10	1	1		1						14
Grade VI						1	3	4								9
Grade VII								6	3	2	1	1				13
Grade VIII									2	2	2					6
Totals of Elementary Grades	4	8	12	6	7	11	4	12	6	5	3	1				79
High School																
IX									1	3	1					5
X										1	2	2				5
XI											1	2	3	2	1	3
XII												1				7
Total High School									1	4	4	5	3	2	1	20
Total Girls	4	8	12	6	7	11	4	12	7	9	7	6	3	2	1	99
Grand Totals	12	20	24	17	18	23	11	17	14	20	13	11	7	3	1	211

Heavy type figures represent those of normal age for the grade.

ATTENDANCE STATISTICS FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 1930-1931

Schools	Total Enrollment			Non-Resident	Aggregate Attendance		Average Daily Attendance	Average Membership	Enrollment October 1, 1930			Total No. of Pupils Not Enrolled in Any Other Town in State			No. of Pupils 5 to 7 Years of Age	No. of Pupils 7 to 14 Years of Age	No. of Pupils 14 to 16 Years of Age	No. of Pupils Over 16 Years of Age	No. of Pupils Having Perfect Attendance	Per Cent of Attendance
	Total	Boys	Girls						Total	Boys	Girls	Total	Boys	Girls						
High School	38	15	23	0	6444.	33.74	35.68	38	15	23	38	15	23	23	0	2	17	19	2	94.59
Center School	61	30	31	6	8731.5	50.76	52.92	52	25	27	53	26	27	27	0	35	18	0	6	95.91
Grades 6, 7, 8	57	32	25	2	7773.	45.45	47.61	50	27	23	48	26	22	22	0	48	0	0	3	95.46
Grades 3, 4, 5	36	23	13	1	5577.	32.61	34.92	35	23	12	36	23	13	13	24	12	0	0	3	93.38
Grades 1, 2	11	6	5	0	1823.5	10.61	11.	11	6	5	11	6	5	5	1	10	0	0	1	96.45
Albeeville	29	14	15	0	4363.	25.36	27.29	28	13	15	28	14	14	14	7	21	0	0	2	92.93
Grades 1-7																				
East Mendon																				
Grades 1-6																				
Totals	232	120	112	9	34712.	198.53	209.42	214	109	105	214	110	104	104	32	128	35	19	17	94.79

TOWN WARRANT.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

Worcester, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Mendon in the County of
Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Mendon qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Mendon on Monday the seventh day of March A. D. 1932, punctually at nine o'clock A. M., to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To bring in their ballots for the following Town Officers:—a Town Clerk for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, a Town Treasurer for one year, a Collector of Taxes for one year, an Auditor for one year, one Constable for one year, one Tree Warden for one year, one Trustee of the Taft Public Library for two years, one member of the School Committee for three years, one Park Commissioner for three years, all on one ballot designating the office intended for each person voted for.

Article 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

Article 4. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town expenses for the financial year beginning January 1, 1932.

Article 6. To determine when all property taxes shall become due and payable, the last date on which property taxes can be paid without interest being charged, and the compensation of the Tax Collector for the ensuing year.

Article 7. To see what measures the Town will take to secure the speedy collection of taxes.

Article 8. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to hire money, and to what amount, to pay current expenses for the financial year commencing January 1, 1932, in anticipation of revenue.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for Memorial Day services, and appoint a committee to expend the same.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for the care and improvement of the Old Cemetery, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate any sum of money for the improvement and repair of highways, to be expended under the direction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works as provided by Chapter 81 of the General Laws as amended, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will appropriate any sum of money to be expended for specific repairs on highways, provided the state and county will contribute for such work, under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250 to pay for the services of a school nurse, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50 to pay for the services of the school physician, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20 for the care of soldiers' and sailors' graves.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$500 to be expended for the maintenance of Chapter 90 roads in connection with State and County allotments of \$1000 each for the same purpose, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the remainder of the former East Mendon school lot, consisting of about nine thousand square feet of land, and fix a minimum price for which it shall be sold, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 18. To see what action the Town will take regarding any legal proceedings that may be brought by or against the Town.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$238.87 for the County of Worcester Hospital District Apportionment for Tuberculosis, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use any amount of the free cash in the treasury to reduce the tax levy of 1932, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200 for building a suitable fence on the boundry of the land purchased one year ago for the location of the East Mendon school building, as required by the conditions of the deed, or take any action pertaining thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2,500.00) or any

sum of money for the purpose of erecting a new fire station, appoint a committee to expend the same, said committee to have power to dispose of the present station, or take any action in relation to the same.

(This is not the complete warrant. It contains only such articles as were ready for insertion when the town report went to the printer.)

